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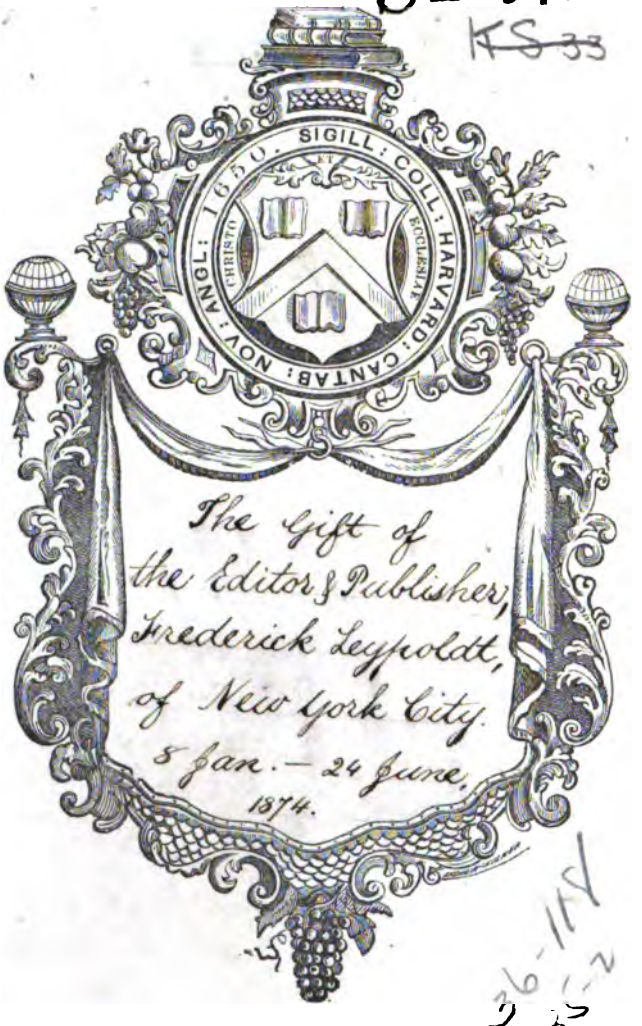

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The Coming Convention.

THE notices and letters printed elsewhere officially inform the trade of the progress of the movement against underselling, and of the postponement of the proposed convention of the trade until February 12. We have before urged such postponement, and we believe it wise. During this month of January, publishers, jobbers, and retailers alike are busy closing last year's books and taking account of stock; but by February, one of the dull months of the year, all this is finished, and there is no reason why there should not be a large attendance at Cincinnati of the trade from all parts of the country.

It is really a matter of economy to be present at that convention, for its success will depend largely upon the fulness of the representation of the trade—and that success means such a reform of trade evils as will "put money in the purse" of every live member of the trade. If the dealer thinks that the past year has been too poor a one to allow him to make the journey, let him remember that it is largely because of the difficulty, which it is hoped the convention will remedy, that his profits have been so small. The present is the opportunity to utter such a protest as will show every one in the trade the true bearing of this demoralizing evil. The movement and the convention, let us add, though originating in the West, are entirely national in scope, and it is to be hoped also that the publishers as well as retailers will be present or represented at the meeting. It should not be one of opposition of one part of the trade to another, but of taking counsel together, in the effort to ameliorate evils which the very slightest consideration shows to be harmful to all alike.

We trust that those who cannot be present at the convention, though indorsing its purpose, will communicate at once with the secretary, Mr. Gunn, with such suggestions as may be thought useful. Much remains to be done before the meeting of the convention to make its work useful and effective. There should be, as we have before said, as general an agreement as possible beforehand as to the questions to be discussed, and the best methods of disposing of them. For all such pur-

poses of preliminary discussion our columns are wide open. We shall continue to discuss these questions editorially until the date of the meeting, but our especial desire is to draw out the views of the trade as to the proper remedies in point. That is, after all, the main question.

THE press of matter on our columns during the holiday season has prevented the publication of several letters and other matter. These will be be given in good part in the next number, with which will also be included the title page and index to the last semi-annual volume of the WEEKLY.

Booksellers' Protective Union.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 25, 1873.

THE next meeting of this association has been postponed to Feb. 12, 1874. This is done at the instance of a large number of friends of the movement to give time to communicate with the publishers, and in the hope that the meeting in February will be a general meeting of booksellers and publishers, and result in much good to the trade.

J. W. GUNN, Springfield, O.
T. C. O'KANE, Delaware, O.
A. F. PAYNE, Dayton, O.
ABEL LOW, Springfield, O.
HOWARD L. ROSS, Hamilton, O.
} *Executive Committee.*

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 25, 1873.

To the Publishers and Jobbers of Books.

DEAR SIRS: It is made the duty of the Executive Committee of "The Booksellers' Protective Union" to submit to you the accompanying letter, which is signed by most of the leading booksellers from West Va. to Kansas, and from the Lakes to Tennessee. So much has been said upon the general subject of the letter through the columns of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, and in other journals, that it is not at all necessary to elaborate the petitions.

You will see by a notice in this number of the WEEKLY that the next meeting of the "Booksellers' Protective Union" has been postponed to *Thursday, February* 12, 1874, and will take place at the Burnett House, Cincinnati, O.

We hope to have many responses to this communication, and invite publishers and jobbers generally to meet with us in convention at that time. From the facts that our interests are mutual, and that several publishers and jobbers have already expressed their willingness to adopt some regulations looking to a reform, we are encouraged to hope for a speedy remedy of these evils.

We shall be pleased to have communications from any publisher or jobber who cannot meet with us in convention.

Respectfully yours,

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To the Publishers and Jobbers of Books.

"GENTLEMEN: At a Convention of Western Booksellers, held at Cincinnati, October 16, 1873, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, A great irregularity exists in the book trade, viz.: publishers and jobbers selling books to persons not in the trade, at nearly the same discount as to the trade, and in some instances at even a greater discount, therefore

"*Resolved*, 1. That we consider the foregoing irregularity as very detrimental to the interests of both the publishers and retail dealers.

"*Resolved*, 2. That the various publishers and jobbers throughout the country are under obligations to the trade to immediately discontinue this custom, and furnish no one outside the trade with books at any other than the regular retail prices, *except* school books for *first* introduction."

The undersigned retail booksellers call your attention to the above resolutions, and respectfully request that you comply with the second resolution.

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Geo. Sotterthwait	"
C. F. Conrey & Co	"
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E. Miller	"
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And other Booksellers in Cleveland, Erie, Chicago, St. Louis, and smaller places throughout the entire West.

LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

A NEW story of Italian Life has been completed by Mr. Howells, editor of the *Atlantic*, which will be first published in that magazine.

READERS of those charming English fictions, "The Rose Garden" and "Unawares," will be glad to learn that their author has written a third novel, "Thorpe Regis," which Roberts Bros. will reprint.

THE author of "The Member from Paris," Mr. Granville Murray, has a new story, "The Young Brown," which Jas. R. Osgood & Co. will republish.

THE American Bible Revision Committee, in co-operation with the British Committee, have just finished the revision of Genesis and Matthew, and sent it to England. The committee hold regular monthly sessions in the Bible House, and are making steady progress; but the nature of the work is such that it will require several years of patient and painstaking toil. Dr. Schaff, of the Union Theological Seminary, is the President; Prof. Day, of Yale College, the Corresponding Secretary; Prof. Short, of Columbia College, the Treasurer of the whole committee. Ex-President Woolsey, of New Haven, is Chairman of the New Testament Company, and Dr. Green, of Princeton, is Chairman of the Old Testament Company

THE January number of *Old and New* contains an interesting glance backward over the leading books of the year, by F. B. Perkins. Here is what he says amusingly of the Verne books:

> The Jules Verne books—charmingly probable and charmingly impossible—have appeared in this year. They belong to its best fiction. Every one will like them except the *New York Observer*. That journal counts fiction, except when Dr. Prime puts it into his own travels, as "forgery and counterfeiting." Indeed, nobody knows how they manage about the parables of the "New Testament." But, fortunately, nobody cares. The rest of the world delights in these delicious and instructive exaggerations and imaginations of Verne.

THE February *Scribner* is to contain a reply to Rev. Mr. Blauvelt's now famous articles on modern infidelity.

ANOTHER musical novel, "Music and Money," is nearly completed by Mr. Charles Barnard, who will be remembered as the author of the admirable juvenile called the "Tone-Masters," and of the musical story of "The Soprano."

IN its number for December 27 the *Athenæum* will publish a series of articles on the Literature of Continental Countries during 1873. Among the articles will be Belgium, by MM. E. de Laveleye and P. Frédéricq; Denmark, by M. E. Jessen; France, by M. Gustave Masson; Germany, by Prof. Zimmerman; Greece, by Prof. Comnòs; Holland, by Herr von Hellwald; Hungary, by Prof. Vambéry; Italy, by Prof. A. de Gubernatis; Norway, by M. Petersen; Russia, by Mr. E. Schuyler; Servia and Croatia, by M. Popovic; Spain, by Don Riaño; and Sweden, by M. Almkvist.

MR. CHAS. F. RICHARDSON, the popular office editor of the *Independent*, is to become the literary editor of that journal with the number for January 8. He is to enlarge the department by including current literary news, and publishers may be sure that under his management the department will be prompt and vigorous. It yet remains to be seen of what literary character he will make his columns, but there is good reason to believe they will be of the best.

L'ACROBATE COMIQUE is the name of a pretty and ingenious toy just put into the market by Fred. A. Bancker, Brooklyn. It consists of a figure, costumed as a clown, on a horizontal bar, which, at the command of the operator, performs the most astonishing acrobatic feats. The working part of the toy is so hidden that the figure apparently acts of its own free will, causing a great deal of amusement. Put up in a sliding box, with directions. Price $1, or three for $2.50.

MR. SCHENCK, of the Schenck Tag Co., sailed for Europe by the steamship Spain, to visit a number of the large wholesale paper manufacturers and stationers in England and the Continent, with a view of importing a large and fine line of goods for the spring trade.

HENRY HOLT & CO. have received a letter inquiring the price of "the Autobiography of John Stuart Mill *by himself*."

THE New York *Herald* has recently begun to devote a great deal of space to literary correspondence, book reviews, and literary and art news. The literary department, indeed, forms now one of the most valuable features of the Sunday edition.

BY arrangement with the Paris publishers, from whom they have received advance sheets, Messrs. Benziger Brothers will issue a translation of Mgr. Gaume's new book, "Le Cimetière au XIX. Siècle, ou le dernier mot des Solidaires."

MR. PAUL B. DU CHAILLU has returned from his third Scandinavian journey in fine health and spirits, looking better than ever, after scouring Sweden and Norway, hobnobbing with the Finns and Lapps, and travelling with his reindeers, like St. Nicholas, in close proximity to the north pole. He has brought back with him many interesting pictures and reminiscences of travel, which will be embodied in a volume to be published simultaneously in London and New York next fall. He prefers the regions of the midnight sun, on the whole, to equatorial Africa.—*Harper's Bazar.*

THE Boston *Globe* really thinks that the whole world is included in its periphery. Referring to another recent publication of Henry Holt & Co.,

it says: "We find the book filled—as we find all other books we receive from Holt & Co. filled—with the announcement that they publish the best gift-book of the season, namely, 'Taine's Pyrenees, illustrated by Doré.' We have seen no such volume, and begin to doubt if it has ever been published." So capitally-put a hint ought to be taken.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

SCHEM'S STATISTICS OF THE WORLD. (G. J. Moulton, New York.) After many delays, we understand, on account of the difficulties caused by cramming a mass of information in the smallest compass, this valuable little publication has made its appearance, and promises to be permanently established as a semi-annual publication. The tables are practically arranged for consultation at a glance, giving the statistics of all countries of the globe in parallel columns, under the following headings: Area, form of government, head of government, population, expenses, public debt, paper money, standing army, navy, merchant vessels, imports and exports, chief produce, coins (and their value at the United States Mint), weights (compared with both pounds avoirdupois and kilogrammes), linear measures (compared with both feet and metres), measures of capacity (compared with bushels, gallons, and metres), the population of capitals, principal cities, and seaports, with the year of census. In addition to the above, there are various side tables exhibiting statistics of Christianity, religious statistics of Europe and of the United States, railroads of the world and of the United States, postal and telegraph statistics of the world, the Presidents of the United States, and Presidential elections from 1788 to 1872, school statistics of the United States, etc. The statistical year-books, public records, almanacs, and periodicals, both of America and Europe, have been carefully compared, and the information on all subjects brought down to November, 1873. As many of the subjects embraced within the scope of these tables, such as form of government, area, population of the country, population of the cities, imports, exports, expenses, public debt, are constantly changing, the value of a work which furnishes the very latest information is obvious. These Tables form an indispensable supplement to all historical and geographical works, and especially to cyclopædias, and should be in the hands of every one who takes an interest in the progress of the world. The tables are issued in oblong atlas form, bound in neat boards, for handy reference. Price 50 c.

A. WILLIAMS & Co., Boston, send us a little book with the title of "The Game of Modern Ombre" according to "Hobah." To those desiring to learn this game, which is considered the most scientific and interesting playing-card game, it will afford much practical information, as it contains its rules and regulations, with many hints towards a thorough knowledge of the best way of playing it. 18mo, cloth, 75 cents.

STORIES OF A GRANDFATHER ABOUT AMERICAN HISTORY, by N. S. Dodge. (Lee & Shepard.) This little volume contains about twenty prominent events in the early history of our country, written out in a familiar and easy style so as to afford children entertaining reading, and at the same time impart a great deal of information. It is printed in large type, and is profusely illustrated, at least a dozen full-page pictures being scattered through the book. 16mo, cloth, $1.50.

ELEMENTS OF POLITICAL ECONOMY, by Arthur Latham Perry. (Scribner, Armstrong & Co.) The estimation in which this work is held is shown in the fact that the present is the eleventh edition issued. It comes to us considerably enlarged, the author having, in his revision, added about forty pages to its former size. 12mo, cloth, $2.50.

THE IRISH ON THE PRAIRIES, AND OTHER POEMS, by Rev. Thos. Ambrose Butler. (D. & J. Sadlier & Co.) The various poems in this volume are particularly addressed to the "exiles of Erin." Many of them were composed in the author's early home, amid the hills of Wicklow, and have for their subjects thoughts and objects dear to the heart of the Irishman. 12mo, cloth, $1.50.

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MESSRS. HENRY HOLT & CO., having sold before Christmas the entire edition of Taine's Pyrenees, illustrated by Doré, will now immediately publish the text separately, It will be in a library edition, something like the same author's "Notes on England," and will be sold at not over a quarter the price of the illustrated volume. It is remarkable that in the illustrated edition the work of the author has attracted possibly more attention than the embellishments of the artist and publishers. This fact indicates a large sale for the library edition.

WM. P. NIMMO, the Edinburgh publisher, has opened an establishment also in London, under the management of Mr. John Nimmo, well-known also on this side the Atlantic.

THE popular collection of "Hymns Ancient and Modern" is to be revised by the English editors, the disproportionately bulky appendices to be incorporated with the original work, and "some hymns, which have been generally objected to, will be omitted." The American publishers will, no doubt, bring out the reformed volume here.

THE Literary Remains of the late Emanuel Deutsch are in preparation for early publication in England.

BOOKS WANTED.

TO buyers and sellers of "Second-Hand School Books." Correspondence solicited by A. H. Clark, Bookseller, Peekskill, N. Y.

ANNUAL SUMMARIES.

NOTICE TO PUBLISHERS.

The Editor of the "Publishers' Weekly" begs to call the attention of publishers to the advantage of having their advertisements, at the beginning of the new year, prepared in the form of **Complete Lists of their Publications** *issued during the past year.*

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The want for such Lists will be more particularly felt this year, as no **General Annual Catalogue** *will appear before August or September.*

The **Annual Reference List** *will hereafter be embodied in the* **Uniform Trade List Annual,** *which really is its proper place. It will, in the forthcoming volume, embrace the books recorded and advertised in the "Publishers' Weekly" from January* 18, 1873, *to July* 1, 1874, *supplementary to the preceding Annual Lists, and after that record the books from July to July.*

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Notes on Copyright.

THERE is a good deal doing, here and there about the world, in the matter of copyright, although the American movement for international copyright is at present quite asleep. An international commission to revise the treaties relative to literary property and fine arts copyrights between France and England, met at the Foreign Office in Paris, last month. The members of the commission are: M. Paul Féval (as representative of the Society of Authors and Dramatic composers), MM. Müller, Oscar Comettant, Paul Saunière, and Pierre Zaccone (for the Society of "Gens de Lettres"), and Mr. Kennedy and his Secretary for the English Government. The *Athenæum* says:

The French representatives protested strongly against the system of "adaptations," which they considered were, in point of fact, piracies now carried on in England. Mr. Kennedy is stated to have replied, he felt sure the British Government would afford satisfaction for any abuses which could be properly brought home. Out of thirty-seven States which have conventions with France, only two, England and Spain, have not declared against the plan of depositing copies of works as guarantees of proprietorship on the part of French authors. The system of registration at Stationers' Hall is regarded as most inconvenient—a permanent menace to authors who fear to see their rights confiscated for the profit of everybody except themselves; and the impossibility of always registering within three months has been recognized by the Commission. It is therefore formally decided that the system of registration at Stationers' Hall will be abandoned by Great Britain, and that a more liberal treaty of copyright be entered into—one more consonant with honesty.

There has been some complaint, also, against the English system of registration, since no index of titles is kept at Stationers' Hall, and an author who has entered a title in good faith may be heavily mulcted on its publication by an author or publisher who has already used it. Indeed, the whole English system has met with severe criticism. At a recent meeting of the Social Science Association in London, Mr. Thomas Webster, Q C., F.R.S., read a paper arguing that the Copyright Acts of 1842 and 1847 were failures, and proposing that the Association move for their reform. Several publishers took part in the discussion which followed, and the matter is now in the hands of a special committee.

It has long been an abuse of the American copyright law that all sorts of manufacturers' labels could be entered under the title of "prints." An amendment of the law, excluding such things from the protection of copyright, and providing for their registry at the Patent Office instead, was approved by the Joint Committee on the Library, and reported favorably to the House of Representatives by the Committee on Patents at the last session of Congress, but failed to become a law in the rush of other business. Such a reform would relieve the library authorities of a very unnecessary burden, and should not fail this year.

Among the many divisions of opinion on the copyright question, there are to be found some advocates of a perpetual copyright. We suppose scarcely any one is aware that there is one book in the world, and probably but one, enjoying that privilege. This is Lord Clarendon's History of the Rebellion; which is printed at the "Clarendon Press" of the University of Oxford, and in which that University holds perpetual copyright. Mr. Macmillan, of London, whose house is the agent for the University, writes in answer to inquiry: "There is no doubt this is either by royal mandate of Charles II., or by act of Parliament—I believe the former."

"LOOK here, upon this picture, and on this." The English publishing trade supports *two* representative organs, the *Publishers' Circular* and the *Bookseller*, not to mention its liberal patronage of the many literary papers, such as the *Athenæum*, *Spectator*, *Saturday Review*, *Examiner*, and others that chiefly depend on publishers' advertisements. We have just received the Christmas numbers of both trade papers, and well may the editors be proud of their support, and the book-trade of its representation. The Christmas number of the former embraces 190 pages, of which 23 are editorial, 167 *advertisements* (including 92 illustrated pages); that of the latter, 250 pages, of which 46 are editorial and 204 *advertisements* (including some 90 illustrated pages). As most of these advertisements come from the same sources, 371 pages of advertisements have been contributed by the English publishers in *one* week. This speaks well for the English book-trade. Now to the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, which is the only recognized organ of the American book-trade. The Christmas number embraces 60 pages, of which 20 are editorial, and 39 *bona fide* advertisements (including four illustrated pages of one house). Rather discouraging, considering that the Christmas number of the WEEKLY is expected to make up for the losing numbers of the season. Alas, poor PUBLISHERS' *Weekly!*

WE had intended summarizing in the first or second January number, the announcements for the spring season, giving editorial characterization of its probable features. But the lists are as yet prepared in but very few houses, and we shall be obliged to content ourselves for the present with *résumés* for each house as we obtain their advance lists.

DR. GEO. M. BEARD, well known for several general as well as medical works, proposes to found a semi-annual publication devoted to the special departments of electricity in its relations to medicine and diseases of the nervous system, under the title of the "Archives of Electricity and Neurology." Inquiries may be addressed to him at No. 8 W. Thirty-seventh street.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

An Important Correspondence.

[We are requested to call the attention of the trade to the following important correspondence. It would be manifestly improper for us to discuss a question now before the courts for decision, but, meanwhile, booksellers may draw their own conclusions.—Ed.]

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1874.

Messrs. Woolworth, Ainsworth & Co.

GENTLEMEN: What should we do in regard to the circular of 18th ult., issued by J. W. C. Gilman, prohibiting us from selling recent revisions of P. D. and S. copybooks. Of course you are fully posted, and know whether or not we are liable for any damages if we continue the sale. We never before heard of the house of Gilman, and don't propose to take much stock in it. Have they any right to demand royalty? Yours truly,

WYNKOOP & LEONARD.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6, 1874.

Messrs. Wynkoop & Leonard, Syracuse.

GENTLEMEN: We reply to your favor of the 3d instant, which came duly to hand, that J. W. C. Gilman & Co. have brought suit against us, claiming damages on the ground that our Payson, Dunton & Scribner system of penmanship is an infringement on the Williams & Packard system, of which they claim to be the publishers and proprietors. To this purely baseless and malicious charge, we reply:

First. That the Williams & Packard books were first published in New York in 1868, and as then issued were wholly unlike any books known to the public. The present proprietors, who came in possession of the books early in 1873, at once commenced a revision of some of the numbers, and these revisions which *are shown* as proof of our infringement, are carefully prepared imitations of our books, and were copyrighted in 1873, not in 1868, as may be seen by reference to the cover.

Second. That we have promptly responded to their attack by instituting a suit against them for infringement of our copyright on the Payson, Dunton & Scribner books of a prior date.

Third. As to the threat of Gilman & Herriman to prosecute booksellers who venture to sell the Payson, Dunton & Scribner books, we will give all such booksellers a bond of indemnity, by which we undertake to defend and hold them harmless from the consequences of such sales, and that no attention need be paid to their circular.

Fourth. By way of complete and final answer to this frivolous suit by Gilman & Herriman, which was instituted merely to i timidate booksellers and to embarrass ourselves, we present the decisive opinion of the Hon. B. R. Curtis, late Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, Washington, and J. B. Robb, Esq., a distinguished patent and copyright lawyer of Boston:

Messrs. Woolworth, Ainsworth & Co.

GENTLEMEN: We are of opinion, after careful investigation, that neither of the books of the Payson, Dunton & Scribner Series infringes upon any copyright of the Williams & Packard Series. And we think the suit which has been commenced by J. W. C. Gilman and Ambrose Herriman against you cannot be sustained.

B. R. CURTIS.
J. B. ROBB.

BOSTON, Dec. 10, 1873.

As to the right impudently claimed by Gilman & Co. to make a demand on you for payment to them of royalty on the sale of our books, they have precisely the same, and no more than Scribner & Co., publishers of *Scribner's Monthly*, would have upon you for selling *Harper's Monthly*.

Yours very truly,

WOOLWORTH, AINSWORTH & CO.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, January 6, 1874.—Philadelphia might be regarded as the storm centre of the recent financial hurricane, and, arguing by analogy, it might be supposed that its business interests had suffered in proportion to its nearness to the commotion. Happily the real condition of things, so far at least as the book trade is concerned, does not agree with the hypothesis. The year's trade, taken as a whole, is far from having been a bad one. Among the publishing houses, the actual number of new books issued is smaller than in former years. Lippincott published about the same number as usual, but very few juveniles. Claxtons about two-thirds their usual number. Porter & Coates were unusually active, and the number of their books was in excess of former years; Kay & Bros. about the average; the Sunday-School Union twenty per cent. below the average; the Presbyterian Board, for reasons apart from business considerations, published scarcely anything; Martien published two or three books in the spring, but nothing since; Henry C. Lea's list was a large one; Peterson's was below the average; while the lists of Baird, Lindsay & Blakiston, Baptist Publication House, Perkinpine & Higgins, and Cummiskey, were small. The books issued by the subscription houses were also below the average in number, and with the school-book publishers also the productive activity was less than usual. The number of books, however, in a more or less forward state of preparation, is in excess of former seasons, though the probable date of their appearance is yet too remote to make mention of them advisable. The cause of this is the "holding back" policy adopted by many of the houses, in consequence of the dull spring and disastrous fall. Reviewing the wholesale trade generally, the spring was decidedly dull; but the fall trade opened early, and, until the disastrous 16th of September, indicated a most prosperous termination to the year. November was very gloomy; but the trouble had reached its culminating point, and December opened with a brisk business, which throve rapidly until the holidays. The feeling is unanimous that the year's business ended much better than was anticipated, and that, all things considered, it was very little, if any, behind the average.

The report of the retail booksellers is even better than that of the publishers. The actual number of sales was very much larger than previous years, though the extent of individual purchases smaller. Expensive illustrated gift books sold very badly, and it seems to be the opinion here that that class

of books has, for the time at least, quite lost popularity. A bookseller who has been selling books for the last twenty-five years said he had watched this matter of gift books attentively, and had arrived at the conclusion that the time for them had passed. Year by year their place in popular favor was diminishing. People began to prefer short sets of books in half or full binding, by authors of sterling merit, to handsome table ornaments composed of a mosaic work of delicate engraving, plate paper, and chips from the poets. His theory was that a truer estimate of literary merit was asserting itself, and that people began to buy books to read and not to look at. Whatever value there may be in this theory, the fact remains that gift books were this year complete failures. Moderate priced books and juveniles comprised the great bulk of the Christmas trade. There appears to be some doubt in connection with the safety of Episcopal stock. The convention shortly to be held in New York may possibly make changes as to the hymnal, which would of course seriously reduce the value of the old stock. Booksellers are therefore keeping stocks just large enough to meet current needs, and will probably continue to do so until something definite is known about the possible change.

Of books to be published immediately there are very few, stock-taking being for the most part the employment of the hour. Porter & Coates will publish in a few days "In the Days of My Youth," a novel by Amelia B. Edwards, and Earl Derby's translation of Homer, with a biography of the Earl by Dr. R. Shelton Mackenzie. It will be illustrated with cartoons specially engraved after the designs of Flaxman. Lippincott's earliest books will be "The Borderland of Science," by Richard A. Proctor; "Two Little Wooden Shoes," by Ouida; and "Nicholas Nickleby," forming the fifth and sixth volumes of the Standard Illustrated Dickens.. The announcements of this firm include "The Honey Moon," by the Count de Medina Pomar; "A Manual of Toxicology," by John J. Reese, M.D.; "Mercersburg Theology Inconsistent with Protestant and Reformed Doctrine," by B. S. Schenck, D.D.; "Ligation of the Arteries," from the French of Dr. L. H. Farabeuf, by John D. Jackson, M.D.; "Alide, a Romance of Goethe's Life," by Emma Lazarus; "The Villages of the Bible," by Rev. E. Paxton Hood; "Tables for the Determination of Minerals by their Physical Characteristics," from the German of Prof. Albin Weisbach by Prof. P. Frazier, Jr., of the University of Pennsylvania; and a new and revised edition of Beck's "Medical Jurisprudence."

Kay & Bros. have in preparation a seventh and revised edition of "A Treatise on the Criminal Laws of the United States," by Francis Wharton, LL.D. This well-known work has undergone a very thorough reorganization and enlargement at the hands of the author, and will be virtually a new book. It will be larger by one-third than the former edition, and the arrangement of its contents has been completely changed. The first volume is to be devoted to principles, pleading, and evidence; the second, to crimes; and the third, to practice. The third volume is substantially new, and comprehends an independent treatise on criminal practice. It will also be seen that the chapters on crime, which were formerly distributed over the first and second volumes, are now concentrated in the second. The references throughout the work have been carefully verified. The relationship which exists between the Roman and Canon Law and English Criminal Law has received special attention, and the affinity has been carefully traced wherever the influence of those codes is apparent. The same firm have also in preparation "The Principles of Equity, a Treatise on the System of Justice Administered in the Courts of Chancery," by George Tucker Bispham, 1 volume; and "Reports of Cases Adjudged in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania," by Thomas Sergeant and William Rowle, Jr., third and revised edition, volume XII.

J. V. W.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

THE BURGOMASTER'S FAMILY, by Christine Muller. (Scribner, Armstrong & Co.) This novel is a translation from the Dutch, and is the first and only literary production of its author, whose real name is Madame van Walrée. It is a strikingly faithful painting of Dutch life and manners, and was, on its first appearance, warmly welcomed by the principal Dutch periodicals. It is a purely domestic tale, and deals with the threadbare story of a woman who doubts the man she loves, and marries the man she don't love, and finds out too late that the man she doubted was faithful to her. Unlike most heroines of modern novels, she learns the worth and goodness of her husband, yields him her love and lives happy forever afterwards. The story has more than average merit, and is very smoothly written. 8vo, paper, $1.00.

EXODUS; or, The Second Book of Moses, with an explanatory and critical commentary. Edited by F. C. Cook, M.A., Canon of Exeter. (Scribner, Armstrong & Co.) This volume forms part of the "Speaker's Commentary on the Pentateuch," and includes all which relates to Exodus. It is printed separately for the convenience of teachers and scholars engaged in the study of the "International Uniform Series of Sunday School Lessons." Besides the comment on the text, the volume contains an important essay "On the Bearings of Egyptian History on the Pentateuch," a sketch map of the part of the Peninsula of Sinai through which the Israelites must have passed, and several illustrations explaining the construction of the Tabernacle, etc. The notes and maps embody the results of the most recent researches. 8vo, cloth, $1.50.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S HISTORY OF MAINE, by Geo. J. Varney. (Dresser, McClellan & Co.) Local histories are generally so dry and uninteresting in detail, that it is a real labor for the young student to attack them. The present volume is so graphically written, and contains so many amusing recitals of the early manners and customs of the settlers, that it possesses all the charm of fiction in retaining the attention of the reader. It embraces the history of Maine from its earliest discovery to the final settlement of its boundaries in 1842. Each chapter is followed by questions, so as to render it available as a text book for schools. 12mo, cloth, $1.25.

NOTES ON THE BOOK OF EXODUS, by Melanchthon W. Jacobus. (Robert Carter & Bros.) 12mo, cloth, $1.

NOTES ON THE BOOK OF EXODUS, by Alfred Nevin. (Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger.) 12mo, cloth, $1.50. These books are so similar in character that it is difficult to define their difference. The first seems to be more for the use of advanced Biblical students. It includes all the texts of Exodus, with copious explanatory and critical notes. The notes of the second are "exegetical

practical, and devotional"—aim at less display of scholarship, are more profuse, and are written in a more popular manner. At this time of the year, when so many Sundy-Schools are taking up Exodus, either one or both of the works will be found of special benefit to teachers and scholars. Indeed, a proper understanding of this portion of the Scriptures cannot be arrived at without the aid of such commentaries. The latter work also contains a map and numerous illustrations.

THE BIBLE RULE OF LIFE. (American Unitarian Association.) A little compilation of Bible texts, arranged under the following divisions: Feeling, Thinking, Speaking, Believing, Doing, Helping, Giving, Praying, Praising. Arranged by Mrs. W. L. Bennett, the compiler of "Day unto Day." 18mo, cloth, gilt edges, 50 cents.

A VERY YOUNG COUPLE. (Scribner, Armstrong & Co.) The story of a young couple who married solely for love, by the author of "Mrs. Jerningham's Journal." Their experiments at housekeeping on a very limited income, and their various trials and disagreements, are very pleasantly and amusingly related. 12mo, cloth, $1.50.

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LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

MR. GEO. M. BAKER, the clever writer of dialogues and school plays, is trying a juvenile serial, "Running to Waste; or, The Story of a Trueboy," which is now running in *Oliver Optic's Magazine.*

THE forthcoming co-operative English novel is to be a story of seven.

THE *Literary World* having let the news out, we also may state that "Robertson Gray," under which name the stirring California story, "Brave Hearts" was published, is a *nom de plume* of Prof. R. W. Raymond.

THE lovers of literary history, says Mr. Welford, in the *Bookbuyer*, have had no such treat offered them for a long time, as they will find in a new book just published at Edinburgh, "Archibald Constable and his Literary Correspondence: a Memorial by his Son, Sir Thomas Constable," in 3 vols. The energy and enterprise displayed by Archibald Constable as a publisher, and the immense effect it had in stimulating the literary activity of Scotland, is acknowledged by all.

STODTMANN, Heine's biographer, is preparing a memoir of Buerger, the author of the classic German ballad of "Lenore."

GARIBALDI is said to be at work at an epic poem "The Thousand of Marsala."

PROF. HENRY COPPEE purposes to expand his *Penn Monthly* papers (sixteen in number) on the Moorish conquest of Spain, into a thorough historical work upon the subject.

LONDON is to have an American comic paper, it is rumored.

IT is stated that the life of Agassiz, written by his wife, will soon be ready for publication.

MARK TWAIN has written a second preface to "The Gilded Age," especially for the London edition, in fear lest the English people should think so ill of us as to take the book in dead earnest.

SAXE HOLM is the literary Sphinx of the day. The name is understood to hide a distinguished identity, but who that "identity" is, is as yet a profound secret.

THE article on "How a Cyclopædia is made," furnished to the Chicago *Tribune* by a New York correspondent over the signature of "Kidder," has been reprinted by the Appletons in the *Journal*, and is also to be used as a circular for the revised Cyclopædia which it describes. It gives a most full and interesting statement of the entire *personnel* and method of the work, and is from the pen of Mr. A. K. Fiske, lately of the New York *Mail*, and one of the revisers on the Cyclopædia, and now of the Boston *Globe*.

THE Audubon advertised by Estes & Lauriat at $170 was sold immediately.

MM. Erckmann-Chatrian are writing a new story, "The College Life of Maître Nablot," which will be based on the adventures of a young collegian during the Louis Phillippe era. It will be first published as a serial in *Cassell's Magazine.*

JOHN G. SAXE'S thirty-ninth volume of poems is in press, according to an item which is going the rounds—whose author must have been seeing double at a most extraordinary rate.

THE new rival of the *Athenæum*, which absorbs the old *Academy* and takes its name, appears in London with the new year as a weekly of twenty pages, three-fourths of which will be devoted to literary matters.

MRS. GEN. SHERMAN is understood to be at work upon a memoir of her father, the late Thos. Ewing. The book will have an admirable subject and an excellent writer

A NEW edition of Matthew Arnold's "Literature and Dogma" is to contain a further preface, replying to criticisms.

THE LIBRARY CORNER.

UNDER this head we propose, at the suggestion of an active librarian, to gather together such matter as may be of interest to the managers of, and those interested in, libraries, in the way of practical suggestions, descriptions of new improvements in arrangement or methods of work, summaries of library reports, items as to the *personnel* of libraries, news as to legacies, benefactions generally, notes and queries regarding library economy, etc. The libraries of the country have at present no special organ of communication, and as they need the same information as the bookseller, in book lists and the like, and are to some

extent already subscribers to the WEEKLY, it seems eminently proper that their interests should be especially consulted in this publication. The frequency and extent of this department will depend upon the support we receive for it, both in the supply of matter for it, which we ask from all librarians who can give us anything of interest, and in the increase of subscriptions among libraries. Of course there will be found much matter of interest to the librarian in our regular literary and trade columns, and to the trade in this.

THE Boston Public Library possesses, by the accession of the Barton Library, the richest Shakespearian collection in America, and one of the finest in the world. Every one will be glad to learn that Mr. Wm. A. Wheeler, the Assistant Superintendent, and one of our best bibliographical scholars, is to utilize this material in a Shakespearian Encyclopædia, under the title, "A Cyclopædia of Shakespearian Literature; designed to elucidate the Biography of the Poet, the Antiquities, Geography, Topography, Political and Natural History, and Bibliography of his Works, and the Lives and Writings of his Editors, Translators, Commentators, and Critics." He will enlist Shakespearian scholars elsewhere in the work, which will be of utmost importance. We shall return to the subject again.

THE Library of Congress has again quite outgrown its present accommodations, notwithstanding the hundred supplementary cases of shelving introduced two years ago, and Mr. Spofford has to work with a small staff in hinderingly close quarters. Twenty-eight designs for a new building were submitted by architects under the offer of the late Congress, but we believe none were found satisfactory. A larger *bonus* is needed to tempt our best designers.

THE annual report of the librarian of Congress for the year ending December 1, 1873, shows that at that date the library contained 258,752 volumes (of which 31,190 were in the law department), an increase during the year of 12,407, and 48,000 pamphlets. Mr. Spofford estimates that in twenty years the library will outnumber half a million. Its collection of English county and local histories is approaching completeness, and is a feature of great interest.

MR. A. M. PALMER, the former librarian of the New York Mercantile Library, was trained by its lecture system, we suppose, for the managerial office, and has been winning golden opinions and something more as manager of the Union Square Theatre.

MR. MELVILLE DEWEY, of the graduating class at Amherst College, has practical charge of its library, and promises to become a valuable addition to the ranks of librarians, since he intends pursuing that profession.

MR. ALEX. J. SHELDON, during the last four years Librarian of the Grosvenor Library, Buffalo, N. Y., has been compelled by ill-health to resign his office. He desires to obtain literary employment, either as editor of a weekly paper or as purchaser of books for libraries. Those who desire the services of an intelligent and experienced gentleman will do well to address him at Buffalo. —*Literary World.*

A STUDENT'S Library, for art students, divinity students, examination students, law students, medical students, professional students of all [illegible], science students, and general students of [illegible] description, was opened in London on the 1st of January. The library is established for the convenience of all students in town or country who desire to carry on their studies at times and places chosen by themselves. Subscription, for one volume at a time, one guinea a year. A reading room will be opened for subscribers at one guinea a year, or 2s. a month extra. Prospectuses and other information are supplied by Librarian, care of Messrs. Harwar, Furnival's Inn, London, E.C.

THE MSS. left by Mendelssohn have been offered by the family to the Royal Library of Berlin, provided the German Government will found two scholarships, of 700 thalers each, for young musical students deemed worthy of the prizes.

WITH the number for October last, the "*Bibliophile Français:* Gazette Illustre des Amateurs de Livres, d'Estampes, et de Haute Curiosite (Paris, Bachelin Deflorenne)" has ceased to appear. The complete set now forms seven volumes, illustrated with numerous portraits, woodcuts, and engravings of remarkable bindings printed in colors.

BOOKS WANTED.

WANTED to purchase, in complete order, Vols. 4, 10, 15, and 16 of Reed's Shakespeare—the first number published in 1805 by H. Maxwell and T. S. Manning, of Philadelphia; and the last three numbers in 1809 by A. & C. Conrad & Co., Philadelphia. Address Box No. 26, Baltimore Post Office.

TO buyers and sellers of "Second-Hand School Books." Correspondence solicited by A. H Clark, Bookseller, Peekskill, N. Y.

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41 Park Row, N. Y.

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ANNUAL SUMMARIES.

NOTICE TO PUBLISHERS.

The Editor of the "Publishers' Weekly" begs to call the attention of publishers to the advantage of having their advertisements, at the beginning of the new year, prepared in the form of **Complete Lists of their Publications** *issued during the past year.*

The utility of such lists has already been recognized by the leading houses, and the facilities they afford to the dealer in taking and renewing stock, make it desirable that this practice should become a custom.

It is an advantage both for publisher and dealer, that, in replacing stock and making out orders, the latter should be in the possession of the **Special Lists** *of the publishers from whom he orders. It will save him time and trouble, and will generally induce him to send fuller orders, on detecting at a glance the deficiencies of his stock.*

The want for such Lists will be more particularly felt this year, as no **General Annual Catalogue** *will appear before August or September.*

The **Annual Reference List** *will hereafter be embodied in the* **Uniform Trade List Annual,** *which really is its proper place. It will, in the forthcoming volume, embrace the books recorded and advertised in the "Publishers' Weekly" from January 18, 1873, to July 1, 1874, supplementary to the preceding Annual Lists, and after that record the books from July to July.*

The numbers of the "Publishers' Weekly" of January 17, 24 and 31, which will have an extra circulation, are specially recommended for the advertisements of **Publishers' Annual Summaries.**

The First American Story
OF
MR. WILKIE COLLINS
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The Dead Alive,

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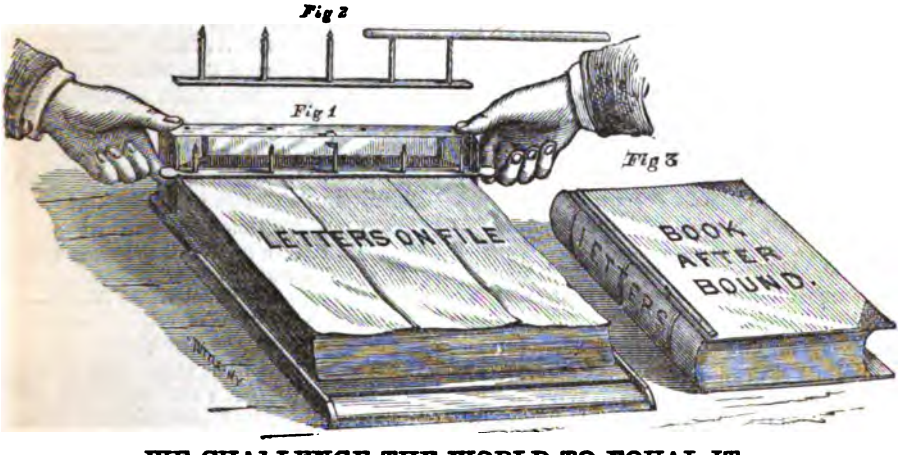

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ANNUAL SUMMARIES.

NOTICE TO PUBLISHERS.

The Editor of the "Publishers' Weekly" begs to call the attention of publishers to the advantage of having their advertisements, at the beginning of the new year, prepared in the form of **Complete Lists of their Publications** *issued during the past year.*

The utility of such lists has already been recognized by the leading houses, and the facilities they afford to the dealer in taking and renewing stock, make it desirable that this practice should become a custom.

It is an advantage both for publisher and dealer, that, in replacing stock and making out orders, the latter should be in the possession of the **Special Lists** *of the publishers from whom he orders. It will save him time and trouble, and will generally induce him to send fuller orders, on detecting at a glance the deficiencies of his stock.*

The want for such Lists will be more particularly felt this year, as no **General Annual Catalogue** *will appear before August or September.*

The **Annual Reference List** *will hereafter be embodied in the* **Uniform Trade List Annual,** *which really is its proper place. It will, in the forthcoming volume, embrace the books recorded and advertised in the "Publishers' Weekly" from January* 18, 1873, *to July* 1, 1874, *supplementary to the preceding Annual Lists, and after that record the books from July to July.*

The numbers of the "Publishers' Weekly" of January 17, 24 *and* 31, *which will have an extra circulation, are specially recommended for the advertisements of* **Publishers' Annual Summaries.**

WHEN everything within and around is reduced to order, the new establishment of James R. Osgood & Co., on the corner of Franklin and Federal streets, will be one of the pleasantest places in Boston, or anywhere else. The whole region will have been reconstructed, saved so as by fire from even a suspicion of narrowness and exclusiveness, and the new store in particular will be the abode of broad hospitality and sunshiny good feeling. The publishing business has a quarter more space than it had in Tremont street, and there is an immense heliotype room besides. The salesroom is particularly inviting, being set with magnificent plate-glass windows on both sides, and as light and airy as a spring day. Upstairs are cosy offices, and down-stairs the storage vaults, ample enough to hold the $300,000 worth of stock. So, seeing that the world moves and changes are inevitable, we do not know that this translation can long be regretted.

What Not to Do.

It is not the least of the difficulties in the way of practical, effective action by any large deliberative body, that so much time is apt to be wasted over inconsequent matters. The national Congress itself is the shining example of this difficulty, which is enhanced when a convention is temporary, made up of men who have not before come together, and in which subjects are to be acted on whose scope is ill-defined. For in the case of a meeting of this sort, if one or two days' time is wasted in really getting to work, nothing can be done, and the whole time of every member is wasted—for there is but one or two days' time, all told. For this reason a few bits of negative advice to the organizers of the coming book trade convention may perhaps be useful.

And first, let us say, that if the convention proceeds in the spirit of the letter from Secretary Gunn, printed in our columns elsewhere, one danger is at once obviated. There has been talk of an organized opposition among the retailers to influence publishers by tabooing the books of those who should refuse to enter into an agreement against underselling. It would be most unwise, from any point of view, for a dealer to decline to keep in stock the books of any house whose books are worth having, though a discrimination might rightfully be made by "pushing" the books of houses that protected their trade customers by upright dealing, and letting the books of others run themselves. But even this, in the present state of things, would be wrongful, unnecessary, unwise, and injurious. The trade, from retailer up to the largest publisher, is now becoming thoroughly convinced that its interests are one, and that what hurts the retailer reacts with still greater force upon the publisher. Therefore, we look to the convention not to act in opposition to, but nominally as well as actually in the interests of, the publishers. Our conversation with leading houses of our own city has convinced us that they are most willing to take part in any promising movement of reform.

The laws of political economy are not always popular, but they are rigid. The convention must not wreck itself in useless opposition to what cannot be helped. And in particular, any time will be wasted in discussion or action looking toward making the trade a close and limited organization. No matter if every bookseller in a given place enter into combination and agree not to undersell—in itself a good thing—this is not an effective way of meeting the difficulty. It would be un-American to attempt, and it would be impossible to succeed in an attempt, to prevent any man who wants to do so from selling books, and even from underselling. This unavoidable difficulty must always be kept in mind; the only remedy is from the other direction, and consists in doing away with the factitious elements of the trade, the big nominal discounts, which tempt many outsiders into it.

We may add that the subscription book business cannot effectually be attacked as a trade. Resolutions will not stop it, although we look to see the houses of the regular trade ultimately convinced, by the sound argument of the case, that they are doing permanent harm to themselves by "subscription departments." The only way to overcome this difficulty is by vitalizing the regular trade through reform of its other evils and then putting down the mass of subscription book business by competition. The regular bookseller has always certain advantages that, rightfully used, will give him the custom that now the "agent" runs away with.

The organization of the convention and its rules of action must be such as to provide against time being wasted in too long speeches and wordy and irrelevant discussions. This is a most important point to look forward to. What the convention does do will depend fundamentally upon what it does not do.

The heading of the blanks for subscriptions toward the proposed Finding List make 20 per cent. of the respective amounts payable when *not less* than $5,000 shall have been subscribed. Some misunderstanding having arisen concerning the matter, we desire to state that we do not feel justified in commencing the work until the 600 subscribers at $25, or their equivalent, are obtained (unless more detailed estimates should show the probable cost of the work to be less than we now suppose), and that of course we mean to call in no subscriptions, nor percentage of any, until we feel assured of pushing through the work to a final success.

The demand for copies of the number containing the documents of the forthcoming convention has been so great that our supply is exhausted. We shall reprint them, therefore, in our next issue, which will be largely circulated in special directions, and of which a reserve quantity will be printed.

We call attention to the annual summaries of publishers, now being given in our advertising columns. Booksellers will find these complete lists of the publications of last year exceedingly valuable, as supplementing the "Uniform Trade List Annual," and we beg to notify publishers that it is desirable to have all the lists included within the January numbers.

It is stated that Miss Helen Taylor has decided to hold back the volume of "Posthumous Essays" of John Stuart Mill, until at least the end of the year.

The Booksellers' Protective Union.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Jan. 8, 18-4.

To Booksellers.

DEAR SIRS: The next meeting of the Booksellers' Protective Union has been postponed to *Thursday, Feb. 12th*, 1874. From the various publishers, jobbers, and booksellers, the responses to the sentiments of the Association have been so hearty that we confidently expect speedy success. No opposition whatever has manifested itself thus far. The conviction is general that a reform must be brought about that will give dealers of each class a reasonable profit, and do away with the irregularities and grievances in the trade which are a constant source of loss to every man in the book business. Our meeting in February is for a full discussion of all the interests of the trade—not to array one branch of the trade against another. Our interests as publishers, jobbers, and booksellers are mutual, and several leading publishers have most emphatically sanctioned the action of the Association. We believe this convention will be a general convention of the trade, and we here give again an urgent invitation to publishers, jobbers, and booksellers to be at the Burnet House, in Cincinnati, Thursday, Feb. 12th, 1874. And we repeat, also, the request for letters giving the views and suggestions of members of each branch of the trade who may be unable to attend the meeting.

J. W. GUNN,
Secretary and Chairman of Executive Committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

The "Booksellers' Bible."

OMAHA, NEB., January 2, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

DEAR SIR: After a somewhat lengthy illness I am about again, and reading up the accumulated numbers of the WEEKLY. I am very sorry that you had to give up the 32mo list of the poets. It is a shame and disgrace on the part of the retail trade—no matter how much the publishers may be at fault—that such efforts in their behalf are not appreciated. It is some encouragement to notice the slow progress toward obtaining that desideratum, the Finding List. You say (page 666): "An amount not exceeding 20 per cent. of each subscription to be payable when the fund shall have reached an amount not less than five thousand dollars"—20 per cent. of $5,000 is $1,000. Do you feel safe in beginning the undertaking on a working fund of that amount? It seems entirely too small.

The "Trade List Annual" after long delay—no fault of yours, however—has also arrived. I need not say that I am pleased with it. I find occasion to refer to it so often, that a facetious customer, noticing my hesitancy in answering a question relating to some book, said, "Go get your *Booksellers' Bible.*" I have a tradesman's love for a good bargain, but when I turn the leaves of the bulky volume, my conscience won't let me chuckle over this one as I ought. So to make things more even I inclose a postal order for five dollars, which please credit to the profit or loss (?) account of this enterprise of yours for the benefit of our trade.

Indeed, Mr. Leypoldt, I feel under continued obligations to you, for your publications have had much to do with stimulating my interest in and aiding me in acquiring a knowledge of the book business.

I am often called an enthusiast in regard to bookselling, and certainly I am, if believing it to be a "high calling" earns that title. I believe the book business can be placed on a much broader, more liberal, and less mercenary basis than it now has. No one can know better than yourself how much room there is for improvement in the present mode of conducting it; and as I am a young member of the trade, I have some hopes of living to see the much needed changes brought about.

I wish you a "Happy New Year."

Truly yours,
L. THORVEL SOLBERG.

The Christmas Trade and the Weekly.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1873.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

BELIEVING, as we do, that he who profits by the wisdom and advice of another incurs a debt which, in a moral point of view, he is under as great obligation to cancel as one of mere dollars and cents, we desire to acknowledge our indebtedness to you for your timely suggestions to booksellers regarding their preparation for the holiday trade.

Your views respecting the prospect of books taking precedence this season of the more expensive articles of jewelry, dress goods, etc., usually given, so harmonized with our own, and so strengthened our faith therein, that we decided to furnish our tables with a good supply of the latest and best publications, taking the precaution to select only such as would be salable at *any* time should the predictions of faint-hearted croakers be realized.

The result has not only proved eminently satisfactory to us pecuniarily (our sales being about *one-third larger than last year*), but it has likewise furnished us with additional evidence of the value of your journal to all who are so wise as to have secured its weekly visitations.

We send herewith the amount for renewal of our subscription, and with it the hope that your efforts to promote the interests of both publisher and retail dealer may meet with the success they so richly merit. Very truly,

S. R. MORGAN & Co.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

GOOD LUCK, by Paul Cobden. (Lee & Shepard.) The new volume of the "Beckoning Series." An encouraging story for poor boys, and a very entertaining one for all boys. The moral of it is, don't wait for good luck, but go with willing heart and hand in search of it. Christy Speers, the hero, is quite a model boy in his way, and meets with many kind friends and many strange adventures in his chase after fortune. Illustrated, 16mo, cloth, $1.25.

THE LIVES OF THE CHIEF JUSTICES OF ENGLAND, by Lord Campbell. (Estes & Lauriat.)

The first and second volumes of this valuable work have been issued. They embrace the period of time from the Conquest to the reign of James II. Both volumes are embellished with numerous illustrations of places of historical note. The edition is a very handsome one and will be completed in four volumes. 8vo, cloth, $3.50 per volume.

HOME SCENES, AND OTHER POEMS. by the Rev. C. E. Furman. (Erastus Darrow.) Mostly of a religious character, having for their theme a Bible legend or a well-known text. The titles of a few of them are, "Memorial of Mrs. H. E. F.," "The Sisters," "The Children in Heaven," "The Holy Spirit," "The Comforter," "The Words of Christ are Life," "Humble Reliance," "The Publican's Prayer," "Hid from the Wise, Revealed to Babes," "Beulah, the Lord's Bride," "Hymns of the Beatitudes," etc., etc. 12mo, cloth, $1.00.

PRIMITIVE CULTURE, by Edward B. Tylor. (Henry Holt & Co.) Researches into the development of Mythology, Philosophy, Religion, Language, Art, and Customs. The present volumes are uniform with the author's previous work of "Researches into the Early History of Mankind," and carry on with a full array of facts the discussion of "the doctrine of survival in culture; the bearing of directly expressive language and the invention of numerals on the problem of early civilization; the place of myth in the primitive history of the human mind; the development of the animistic philosophy of religion, and the origin of rites and ceremonies." 2 vols. 8vo, cloth, $5.00.

THE HEALING WATERS OF ISRAEL, by J. R. Macduff, D.D. (Robert Carter & Bros.) The story of "Naaman, the Captain of the host of the King of Syria," is the groundwork of this little devotional work. As the Old Testament tells us, "Naaman was a great man with his master; he was also a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper." How Naaman suffered and rebelled, and how his restoration was brought about by the waters of the Jordan, is all made the means for most profitable "instruction in righteousness." 16mo, cloth, $1.25.

LIBERTY AND LAW UNDER FEDERATIVE GOVERNMENT, by Britton A. Hill. (J. B. Lippincott & Co.) After thirty-five years of legal practice, Mr. Hill is convinced that the main danger to the permanence of our republican institutions lies in the deficiency and weakness of our State and Federal governments. He considers that the time is ripe for a thorough reorganization of these, and offers towards the accomplishment of this object the plans and outlines, embodied in this volume, of a more perfect form of government. In deprecation of what may be considered a somewhat bold task on his part, he states in his preface that the thought of this work has occupied the best part of his life, and led him to a careful study of civilizations, of hygiene, and past and contemporaneous history. 12mo, cloth, $1.50.

FAMOUS CASES OF CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, by S. N. Phillips. (Estes & Lauriat.) That "truth is stranger than fiction" is fully verified by the facts contained in these famous cases. The unreliability of evidence which is based on presumptive proof is also manifested by the numerous murder cases of which it is related that through what was called the "strongest circumstantial evidence" innocent persons were proved guilty, and made the victims of the law. The facts are given in plain, unvarnished language, having been gathered together chiefly for the use, of the lawyer; still they afford very absorbing entertainment to the general reader. They are introduced by a learned essay on "The Theory of Presumptive Proof," by S. N. Phillips. 8vo, cloth, $2.25.

LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

THE important revision of the "United States Digest," to which we have before referred, undertaken by Messrs. Little, Brown & Co., involves not only an immense outlay of capital, but a very considerable sacrifice of it. Twelve volumes are to be made out of thirty-one, all in stereotype plates, which must be destroyed, averaging 750 pages each. The same style of page and type will be followed, and the volumes be in royal 8vo, sheep, $7.50 per vol. The digest is to be made by Mr. Benj. Vaughan Abbott, whose reputation places him in the first rank of the makers of digests, and the first series, which extends to 1870, includes the decisions of the various courts of the United States from the earliest period to that date. The second series will continue the work in annual volumes thereafter. The revision and condensation includes the rearrangement of the whole matter under one alphabet, following substantially, though with improvements, the classifications of the old work, with full table of contents in the last volume. With the exception of decisions reversed, there will be no omission of cases, and several volumes of reports not before included will now be added, making in all 1900 volumes "boiled down" into the present work. The first volume will be issued immediately, the others to follow quarterly. It is a work for which the legal profession must be immensely grateful.

THE Osgoods are about to publish a "Life of Mrs. Barbauld, with Selections from Her Works." by Mrs. Grace A. Ellis. The biography should be a meet companion to the several delightful memoirs that have recently been presented, since Mrs. Barbauld formed intimate friendships with three generations of scholars, and counted in her circle such as John Howard, the philanthropist; Dugald Stewart, Sir Walter Scott, Hannah More, Coleridge, Lamb, Wordsworth, and Maria Edgeworth; since, too, her own life was pure and beautiful, as it must have been to be in sympathy with the nobleness with which she was surrounded. With so much promise, the work will be looked for eagerly.

BALTIMORE has at last a complete history; written by Mr. J. Thomas Scharff. The author has collected and digested a great mass of scattered material, and evolved a unified history of the old town, with descriptions of its public buildings, societies, schools, railroads, post-roads, canals, newspapers, charities, and all the institutions and doings of its inhabitants, both in the quaint olden time and in this progressive day. The volume will be nearly as bulky as the city directory.

A WORK of peculiar and excellent design has been completed by John W. Haley, A.M., entitled "The Discrepancies of the Bible." It is essentially a commentary on the *hard places* of Scripture, doctrinal, ethical, and historical, and will afford a ready means of studying up disputed points. The volume will contain an introduction by Prof. Hovey, of Newton Theological Seminary. W. F. Draper, Andover, Mass., has it in press.

Stationery Department.

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MARKET REPORT.

SINCE the holiday pressure has passed, the trade in stationery and fancy goods has been very dull. This, however, was expected, for after Christmas trade is almost at a standstill until spring. The fancy goods dealers are rather well satisfied with the result of their Christmas trade, for it is now acknowledged to have been good, notwithstanding their former gloomy utterances. It is true that during the fall the jobbing trade fell off wonderfully, and for a while the wholesale houses and importers had the gloomiest anticipations. The jobbers continued to buy any such goods as they could dispose of immediately, and refused during the whole season to invest in any stock at all, not trusting the possibility of disposing of it. When the time for the retail trade arrived jobbers found themselves without goods to supply the demand, and the importers, finding that the jobbing trade had taken almost nothing from them, offered their stocks at retail at reduced prices, and were able to dispose of most of their goods. All the stores of Maiden Lane, John street, and Broadway offered their stocks at retail, and plenty of purchasers were found. Under these circumstances, the year s trade turned out to be as good as could be expected, and about the same quantity of goods was disposed of as usual. Few new goods are arriving at present, but orders have been sent forward, and by the time the spring trade sets in the market will have been replenished. Trade is expected now to be brisk in a wholesale and jobbing way, from the fact that the jobbers' shelves are empty, and there will be a great demand to be met.

There is nothing particularly new to be seen in spring goods, as the season has not yet arrived, but the traveller's goods, which are usually rare at this time of year, have made their appearance. Bags, satchels, dressing-cases, travelling-companions, lunch-boxes, canes, and umbrellas, have taken the place of Christmas goods, and many beautiful designs are offered. These goods come from Paris, London, and Vienna, but those now displayed are the remnants of last year. The new goods not having arrived as yet, it is impossible to tell what will be the prevailing styles, but some of the samples are very elegant, and indicate a fine assortment. Fancy leather goods, with a great profusion of gilt ornament, will probably be the ruling style.

In stationery there is nothing doing, but a brisk spring trade is anticipated. Owing to the small stocks held by the country trade, many of the large New York houses have already sent out their travellers, a circumstance that does not usually occur until the end of the present month or early in February. Some orders have already been forwarded, and the indications are that the country trade will require a large amount of goods.

There are no novelties in the market, but standard goods will be supplied until new invoices are received. Fancy note papers of irregular shapes are still the prevailing styles, and the most delicate tints are sought after.

Willy Wallach, of 41 John street, shows some very beautiful specimens of tinted quadrille papers which will probably become very popular. Colored inks are yet used in a color that corresponds with the tint of the paper.

All anticipate a brisk trade and are doing their best to prepare for it.

CHAPTERS FOR STATIONERS.

II.

Sizes of Paper.

From Ringwalt's Am. Encyclopedia of Printing.

THERE was formerly, partly because all paper was made by hand, and partly because the English government levied a duty on paper that was regulated by the names of respective papers, great uniformity in the dimensions of the papers called by the various names. At present, however, these names afford an uncertain indication of dimensions, and they are little better than fancy titles. The sizes corresponding with each title vary not only in different countries, but in different sections of the same country; and while one manufacturer makes paper above, another makes them below the average standard. A due approximation to conformity has been preserved in medium and double medium printing-paper, medium printing-paper being nineteen by twenty-four inches, and double medium twenty-four by thirty-eight; but there is no similar uniformity in scarcely one other description of either printing or writing-paper. Paper is bought and sold by weight, size in inches, and quality, and the names used have ceased to convey a specific meaning unless they are qualified by the addition of the name of some well-known manufacturer or by some local usage.

Charles Magarge & Co. give the following sizes of Blank Book Papers in general use in Philadelphia:

	Inches.		Inches.
Imperial	23 x 31	Census	18 x 26
Super Royal	20 x 28	Check Folio	17½x24½
Royal	19 x 24	Folio	17 x 22
Medium	18 x 23	Crown	15 x 19
Demy	16 x 21	Flat Cap	14 x 17
Extra Folio	19 x 24	"	13 x 16
		"	12 x 15

Inquiries among other Philadelphia paper-dealers resulted in the construction of the following table:

	Inches.		Inches.
Double Imperial	32 x 44	Folio	17 x 22
" Super Royal	27 x 42	Square Demy	17 x 17
" Medium	23 x 36 24 x 37½	Demy	16 x 20
	24 x 38*	Crown	15 x 19
Royal and Half	25 x 29	Flat Cap	
Imperial "	26 x 32	12 x 15–12½x 15½	
" "	22 x 30	13 x 16–13½x 16½	14 x 17*
Super Royal	20 x 28	Foolscap varies according to weight	12½x 16
Royal	19 x 24	Letter	10 x 16
Medium (writing paper)	18 x 23	Packet Note	9 x 11
Census	18 x 26	Ladies' Bath	7½x 11
Double Cap	17 x 28	Octavo	7 x 9
Large Check	19 x 24	Note	6 x 8
Check Folio	17½x24½	Billet	6 x 8

* Sizes in general use for printing purposes.

De Vinne's Price List gives the following table of the regular sizes of American papers, prevalent in New York:

FOLDED WRITING-PAPERS.

	Inches.		Inches.
Billet Note	6 x 8	Letter	10 x 16
Octavo Note	7 x 9	Commercial Letter	11 x 17
Commercial Note	8 x 10	Packet Post	11½x18
Packet Note	9 x 11	Extra Packet Post	11½x18¾
Bath Note	8½x 14	Foolscap	12½x 16

Note is sometimes 8½ x 10½ inches, Letter 9¾ x 10¾ inches, Commercial Letter 10¾ x 16¾ inches, Foolscap 12 x 15 inches; but the dimensions given in the table are those in most general use.

FLAT WRITING-PAPERS.

	Inches.		Inches.
Law Blank	13 x 16	*Medium	18 x 23
Flat Cap	14 x 17	*Royal	19 x 24
Crown	15 x 19	*Super Royal	20 x 28
Demy	16 x 21	*Imperial	22 x 30
Folio Post	17 x 22	Elephant	22½x27¾
Check Folio	17 x 24	Columbier	23 x33¼
Double Cap	17 x 28	Atlas	26 x 33
Extra Size Folio	19 x 23	Double Elephant	26 x 40

Extra-size Folio is sometimes 18 x 23 inches, and 19 x 24 inches.

Imperial is sometimes 23 x 31 inches.

Sizes above Imperial are never found on sale of American manufacture. They are made only to order, usually with some difficulty, and at extra price.

* Note the difference in size between writing and printing-paper of the same name.

PRINTING-PAPERS.

	Inches.		Inches.
Medium	19 x 24	Double Medium	24 x 38
Royal	20 x 24 or 20 x 25	Double Royal	26 x 40
Super Royal	22 x 28	Double Sup. Royal	28 x 42
Imperial	22 x 32	" " "	29 x 43
Medium-and-Half	24 x 30	Broad Twelves	23 x 41
Small Double Med.	24 x 36	Double Imperial	32 x 46

Large sizes, like 34 x 46 and 36 x 48, as well as odd sizes, like 28 x 34, are not uncommon, but they are of too irregular supply to be considered as regular papers. The larger sizes are invariably of common quality, suitable only for posters and newspapers: the smaller sizes are usually of finer quality, adapted for books and fine job-printing.

STATIONERY PRICE-CURRENT.

The following List, including only the most prominent articles, will be gradually completed according to the encouragement our endeavors—to represent the Stationery and accessory trades, as well as the Book-trade—may receive from the Manufacturers, Importers, and Wholesale Dealers in these particular branches. Suggestions are solicited from the Retail trade as well as from Wholesale Dealers.

The Price-Current will, until further notice, appear monthly, in the Stationery Number of the Publishers' Weekly (the third number of each month).

BLOTTERS.

Dreka's Dictionary Blotter.

	Per Doz.
No. 201; size, 9 by 6; French morocco	$11.00
" 202; " 10½ " 9; "	13.75
" 203; " 13 " 9½; "	16.25
" 301; " 9 " 6; English cloth	7.40
" 302; " 10½ " 9; "	8.50
" 303; " 13 " 9½; "	9.35
" 601; " 9 " 6; fine Russia	32.75
" 602; " 10½ " 9; "	47.25
" 603; " 13 " 9½; "	63.75
" 801; " 9 " 6; fine Calf	22.25
" 802; " 10½ " 9; "	30.75
" 803; " 13 " 9½; "	39.00

BOOK CLAMPS.

	Per Doz.
Holbrook's	$3.00
Watson's	3.00
Moore's	4.00

CARDS.

Playing Cards.

A. Dougherty's.

Nos.	
1. Steamboats, assorted star and calico backs	$ 24.00
3. No. 2 Highlanders, assorted star and calico backs	28.00
4. Eurekas, assorted star and calico backs	31.00
9. Decaturs, assorted star and calico backs	48.00
12. Star Eagle, half linen, assorted star and calico backs	72.00
13. Star Eagle, pure linen, assorted backs	168.00
26. Star Eagle, pure linen, assorted backs, extra quality (squared)	168.00
6. Great Mogul, fancy backs	40.00
33. Eagle, American flag back, enamelled	54.00
23. Decatur, fancy backs, enamelled	48.00
16. Great Mogul, fancy backs, enamelled	54.00
35. Great Mogul (Euchre), fancy backs, enamelled	54.00
36. Great Mogul, Solo, fancy backs, enamelled	48.00
17. Harry the Eighth, fancy backs, super-enamelled	72.00
30. Eagle, fancy backs, extra enamelled, in gold	96.00
31. Great Mogul, illuminated, backs, extra super-enamelled	84.00
34. Great Mogul, illuminated faces, and backs in gold	130.00
38. Great Mogul, cotton-plant backs and gold spots, extra super-enamelled	150.00
40. Convey Corners	96.00

Goodall's London Cards.

BEST QUALITY.

	Per doz.		Per doz.
Geranium	$15.00	Mogul, series, 400, 401	$15.00
Apple Blossom	15.00	Cherry Bloom	14.00
Canadian Arms	15.00	Japanese Figure	14 00
Tiger Lily	15.00	Hazel Nut	14.00
National	15.00	Mistletoe	14.00
Palace	15.00		

	Per Doz.		Per Doz.
Holly	$14.00	109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116	$11.00
Butterfly	14.00	Gold back	9.75
Mogul series 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313	14.00	Florigated, Light	9.75
Fern	11.00	Florigated, Dark	9.75
Shakespeare	11.00	Floral	9.75
City of London	11.00	Gold Star	9.75
Moguls, series 204, 205, 206, 207, 208	11.00	Small Star	9.25
Moguls series, 107, 108,		Tinted Enamel, Blue, Green, Pink, Violet, and White	9.00

SECOND QUALITY.

	Per doz.		Per doz.
Moguls, series A, Dark and Light	$8.75	Florigated, Dark	$9.00
Moguls, series B Dark and Light	8.75	Gold Florigated	9.00
Florigated, Light	9.00	Gold Floral	9.00
		Floral	9.00

DOMESTICS.

	Per gross		Per gross.
Mount Vernons	$72.00	Virginias	$36.00
Golden Gates	54.00	Broadways	28.00
Columbias (Euchre packs)	48.00	Regattas, Bichromatics	24.00
Gen. Jacksons, No. 1.	40.00	Steamships, Bichromatics	22.00
Gen. Jacksons, Sporting	42.00		

Visiting Cards.

(51 Cards in Pack.)

	Per doz. packs.
XX Bristol, 1	$1.50
XX Bristol, 2	1.60
XX Bristol, 2½	1.80
XX Bristol, 3	2.00
XX Bristol, 3½	2.12
XX Bristol, 4	2.25
Mill Bristol, 2½	1.00
Mill Bristol, 3	1.25
Mill Bristol, 3½	1.50

Wedding Cards.

Wedding Cards, square, per doz. packs	$2.75 to $10.00
Wedding Envelopes, square, per gross	1.90
Wedding Billets, per ream	4.50
Tying Wedding Cards, per 100	3.00

CRAYONS.

	Per gross.
Blackboard, Waltham, White	$ .15
Blackboard, Waltham, Assorted Colors	1.10
Steatite	1.00

ERASERS.

(*Steel.*)

Rodgers' 4 inch Cocoa	$3.75
" 5 " "	4.25
" 4 " Bone	4.25
" 5 " "	4.75
Superb, 4 " Cocoa	2.25
" 5 " "	2.50
" 4 " Bone	3.25
" 5 " "	3.50
" Knife Blade Cocoa	3.00
" " Bone	4.

GAMES.

Backgammon Boards.

Leather, 2 in nest, per nest.....$2.75
Leather, 3 in nest, per nest..... 3.50
Leather, 2 in extra, per nest.....$4.50 to 9.00
Morocco Paper, each..... 1.00 to 1.25

Checker-Men.

Per doz.
Box-Wood.....$1.75
Turned Wood..... 1.25

Chess-Men.

Per doz.
Bone, German.....$7.50 to $36.00
Wood, German..... 9.00 to 15.00
Stanton, German.....18.00 to 36.00

Dominoes.

Per doz.
Bone, ordinary quality, ebony back.....$3.00 to $6.00
Bone, good quality, ebony back..... 6.00 to 12.00
Bone, Mahogany boxes..... 6.00 to 18.00

INKS AND FLUIDS.

Arnold's Writing Fluids.

Per doz.
Quarts.....$5.25
Pints 3.25
Half pints..... 1.75
4 oz..... 1.00
Cones..... .60

Arnold's Copying Ink.

Per doz.
Quarts.....$10.00
Pints..... 5.50
Half pints..... 3.75

"B" Copying Ink.

Per doz.
Quarts.....$5.50
Pints..... 3.25

Carter's Combined Writing and Copying Ink.

Per doz.
Quarts.....$8.00
Pints..... 5.00
Half pints..... 3.00
4 oz..... 2.00
Cones..... .75
Discount, 15 per cent.

David's Writing Inks.

Per doz.
Black, Blue, and Violet, 2 oz. oct. stands.....$ .75
" " " 4 oz. bottles..... 1 25
" " " 6 oz. bottles..... 1.50
" " " 8 oz. bottles..... 2.00
" " " pint bottles..... 3.50
" " " quart bottles..... 6.00
" " " half gallon jugs.....12.00
" " " 1 gallon jugs.....24.00
Carmine Ink, 1 oz., draped stands..... 2.00
" No. 1—1 oz., cork stopper..... 2.50
" No. 2—2 oz., cork stopper..... 3.50
" No. 1—1 oz., ground stopper..... 3.50
" No. 3—2 oz., " 5.00
" No. 4—4 oz., " 8.00
" No. 5—8 oz., " 15 00
" pints " 24.00
" quarts " 48.00
Discount, 20 per cent.
Copying Ink, 8 oz. stone bottles..... 3.00
" pint " 5.00
" quart " 9.00
Red Writing Ink, 1 oz. bottles..... 1.00
" " 2 oz. bottles..... 2.00
Writing Fluid, 2 oz. stone stands..... 1.00
" 8 oz. stone bottles..... 3.00
" pints..... 4.50
" quarts..... 8.00
" half gallon stone jugs.....15.00
" 1 gallon stone jugs.....30.00

Indelible Ink, etc.

Per doz.
Brigg's Indelible Ink.....$2.25
Brigg's Glass Marking Pen..... 2.25
Clark's Indelible Pencil..... 2.00
Payson's Indelible Ink..... 2.25
Payson's Combination (Ink and Pen)..... 5.00

Stephen's Fluid and Copying.

Per doz.
Blue-Black Writing Fluid, quarts.....$5.25
" " pints..... 3.25
" " half pints..... 1.75
" Copying Fluid, quarts.....10.00
" " pints..... 5.50
" " half pints..... 3.25

INK STANDS.

Per doz.
Flat Glass Inks, 2½ in.....$1.00
" " 3 in..... 1.15
" " 3½ in..... 1.30
" " 4 in..... 1.70
" " 4½ in..... 2.13
" " 5 in..... 2.58
" " 5½ in..... 3.05
" " 6 in..... 3.53
Cocoa Pocket Inks, No. 2..... 1.60
" " No. 3..... 1.50
Silliman's School, No. 1..... 1.30
" No. 2..... 1.20
" No. 3..... 1.08
Silliman's Academic..... 4.05
" Mechanic..... 2.25
Common Sense, No. 1.....12.00
" No. 2..... 6.00
" No. 3..... 4.50
The "Magic" Inkstand.....16.00

MUCILAGE.

Per doz.
David's, No. 1—8 oz..... $5.00
" No. 2—3 oz..... 2.00
" No. 3—3 oz..... 1.75
" Bill Sticker, 3..... 1.50
" pints..... 6.00
" quarts..... 11.00
" gallon jugs..... 42.00
Discount, 20 per cent.

PAPER.

Blotting Paper.

Per ream.
White or Colored, 60 lbs.....$15.00
" 80 lbs..... 20.00
" 100 lbs..... 25.00
" 120 lbs..... 30.00
White, in pads, per dozen packages.....75 c. to 1.00

Drawing Papers.

German.

Per quire.
Cap, 14x17.....$ .35
Demy, 15x20..... .45
Medium, 17x22..... .60
Royal, 19x24..... .80

Whatman's.

Per quire.
Cap, 14x17.....$ .55
Demy, 15x20..... .90
Medium, 18x23..... 1.30
Royal, 19x24..... 1.65
Super Royal, 19x27..... 2.00
Elephant, 23x28..... 2.85
Imperial, 22x30..... 2.85

Bristol Boards.

Reynold's.

Per doz.
Cap, 12½x15¼—2 sheet.....$ .50
" " 3 " ..... .75
" " 4 " 1.00
Demy, 14¾x18¼—2 sheet..... .85
" " —3 " 1.25
" " —4 " 1.65
Medium, 16½x20 —2 sheet..... 1.10
" " —3 " 1.75
" " —4 " 2.25
Royal, 18¾x22½—2 sheet..... 1.50
" " —3 " 2.25
" " —4 " 3.00

Tissue Papers.

American White.....Per rm., 2.00
" Asst'd Colors..... " 2.50
English White..... " 2.50
" Asst'd Colors..... " 4.50

Gold and Silver Paper.

Plain, 15 x 19.....Per quire, $1.50
Embossed, " ..... " 2.00

Writing Papers.

First Class.

Letters and Caps, 8, 10, 12, and 14 lbs. to ream.
Per lb., .30 to .35
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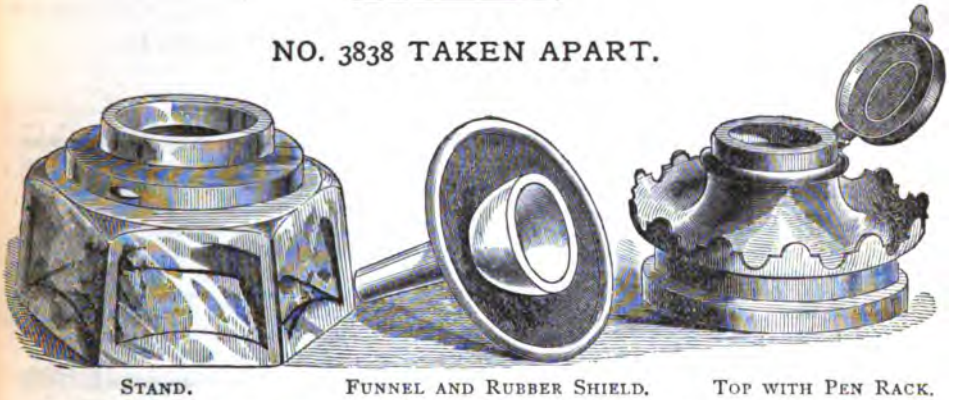

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A VOLUME of "Thoughts for Lent," by Bishop Oxenden, of Montreal, will be issued by Messrs. Randolph & Co. early in February. An American edition of Dean Alford's book on "The State of the Blessed Dead" is also about to be published by this house.

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The Dealers' Dilemma.

As the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY gives room to any views honestly expressed, no matter how extreme, we print to-day the communications of two bookbuyers who are certainly entitled to a voice in the present bookselling difficulties. It is not our intention to defend or refute the points taken by these correspondents, but we may say that although stating a few truths, both are doing great injustice to publishers, as well as dealers, by their sweeping assertions. In charging the trade with making its own interests supreme in the contest they should not forget that they are doing precisely the same from their stand-point. It cannot be the question of "fleecing the public" or of "dictating" to others "how to conduct their business," when it is simply a question of preventing an honorable trade from going to rack and ruin. Nevertheless, we are thankful for these frank effusions, for only an unlimited *audi alteram partem* will make it possible to weigh off the conflicting rights and wrongs, and to conciliate extremes by an equitable compromise.

We agree with Mr. Peabody that "the interest of the public is in the end the interest of the trade"—of *any* trade; but beg to caution him, lest his statements may afford less "instruction" than "amusement" to the tried publisher, that when making his publishing and jobbing estimates he leave not out certain weighty factors that cannot invariably be put in figures.

Both correspondents are hard on the retailer. But why would Mr. ——, who prefers a fresh copy from the bookseller's shelf to a defaced one, not give his order to that bookseller who offered to take it; at the same time make known "the subjects which interest him," and become a *steady* customer whose interests are worth studying, thus satisfying three parties—himself, bookseller, and publisher? In not doing so there is a loss, but where the gain to him? Yet he reasons: "You country booksellers cannot afford to keep books for sale;" "Competition has destroyed all profit;" *ergo*, though I know what I want, I *won't order* from you; I won't add to your profits, until "two-thirds of you go West and farm it." There is encouragement to lay in stock! Mr. Peabody, on the contrary, reasons: "You retailers are not, as you were formerly, forced to hold a large stock; people know better what they want, and *order* as they want; *ergo*, I won't pay the retail price fixed by the publisher; *ergo*, if you cannot discount, go to the wall."

It may be satisfactory to both parties to learn, that to judge from present indications, the coming convention in trying to devise remedies for the crying evils, will most likely meet them half way. Will they go the other?

WE have received from a house at Tuskaloosa, Alabama, whose example we commend to the trade, a letter enclosing an order for school books, from a school in that State, which, however, parenthetically observes that unless discount is allowed the writer will be obliged to send to New York, where he can get from a prominent publishing and jobbing house 25 to a third off. Our correspondent declined to furnish the books on those terms, citing the decision of the Booksellers' Union, that no person, except a dealer, is entitled to a discount or wholesale price, and they rightfully call upon the other members of the trade to support them in this wise policy. We are glad to know that this question of underselling to schools is made a special question for the next meeting of the Board of Trade, which will be held in New York February 13. Messrs. Curtis, of Barnes & Co., Isaac Sheldon, and Holt, are a committee to report on the subject. We trust some effective remedy for present evils will be found, and we are glad to learn that the booksellers of the South are becoming as alive to these topics as their brethren at the West.

WE reprint in this number, as promised, the documents relating to the convention at Cincinnati next month, to supply the demand which had exhausted the supply of the number in which they were originally printed. In our next number we hope to print an editorial *resumé* and discussion of the evils of the trade which are likely to come before the Convention, and of the several remedies which have been suggested.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

Publishers and Dealers all Wrong.

AMHERST, Mass., Dec. 28, 1873.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

BY mistake, doubtless, your journal has fallen into the hands of one not in "the trade." Constant and careful perusal thereof has afforded much instruction and some amusement. The latter comes in when reading the animated controversy between the wholesale and retail sellers of books. The public seems to be a party to this dispute whose interests are wholly ignored. Like the wheat between the upper and nether millstone, its business is to be ground.

The traditions and customs of the book trade, although descended from a former generation, are not therefore to be revered. They have not kept pace with the times, and here lies the germ of the present difficulty. The art of stereotyping, without seriously enhancing the cost of publication,

while it locks up some capital in plate, saves the publisher from investing a yet larger sum in printed sheets, until he knows the fate of his venture with the public. His capital is more quickly and safely turned, and therefore the per cent. of his profit on each turn may with safety be lowered.

The case is yet stronger with the retailer. Before the present facilities for sending orders and getting books, the retailer was forced to hold a large stock, much of which eventually became unsalable. His profits were greatly reduced by loss on "standard" works. Such is the case, at present, to a far less degree. People know better what they want, and order as they want. They would order through the retailers if they could without paying exorbitant rates for doing the business. The wholesale dealers know this, and hence they and the public are drawing nearer to each other for mutual benefit. What other trade demands 50 per cent. profit on its regular standard traffic, or 50 per cent. for the execution of an order? The retailers say that without their traditionary profits they must go to the wall. If it be true, which we do not believe, let them go. The public can spare them altogether better than pay such rates.

But the publishers are not without blame. Let a case illustrate.

A $1.25 book, 12mo, 220 pp., cloth, costs to manufacture about 37 cents. The publishers pay for copyright and use of plates, 18 3-4 cents; total cost, 55 3-4 cents. On this they ask a profit of nearly 50 per cent., selling at 83 1-3; on this the retailer again demands 50 per cent., selling at $1.25. Now, we submit that these "takes" are altogether "too fat." This book can be sold at $1 and then leave a large profit for both publisher and retailer, while at the reduced price the public would buy much more freely. The history of the school book trade, weighted as it is by a cumbrous and costly system of agencies, introductions, and exchanges, gives force to our statement.

But, it will be said, you take no account of the jobber. Of course not, for the jobber is a publisher; he gets a discount of 40 per cent., but he pays in his own books, also less 40 per cent., and the rate of exchange is of no moment. It is the old story of buying dogs and paying in puppies.

The retailers mourn their lost trade, and seek to regain it by combining against publishers.

The remedy advised is that retailers and publishers should combine to fleece the public. The public will gladly return to the retailers when it finds that they are mindful of its welfare. Would not both publishers and retailers find that the interest of the public is in the end their interest?

Respectfully,

S. H. PEABODY.

And Dealers in Particular.

JAMESTOWN, Dec. 23, 1873.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

HAS a country bookbuyer any plank in the platform in the forthcoming scrimmage between the booksellers and the publishers? If he has, I propose to jump on and put in my oar, on one of the much-talked-of "wrongs" the country booksellers are called upon to "suffer": and that is, the sending of books by mail, by the publishers, at the usual retail price, to whomsoever shall order them. This the booksellers complain of bitterly, I perceive, all over the country, and it strikes me, without any reason whatever.

For certainly no sane man will venture to dispute this assertion: That there is no buyer of books in the country who wouldn't infinitely prefer, in buying a new book, to have one fresh from a bookseller's shelves, to ordering and receiving it, more or less defaced, as it always is, by mail. This granted, what is the indisputable inference? *That any such buyer of books orders them by mail* ONLY *because he cannot rely on getting them at the bookseller's.*

Now, let me state my case. I am a lover of books and a buyer of books and (this in parenthesis of course) a subscriber to the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, and endeavor to keep myself posted about books, and am always impatient to possess a new book on a subject which interests me, as soon as it is published. I live a mile or so from a manufacturing village of several thousand inhabitants, which rejoices in one news depot where you may find segars and newspapers, some little stationery, a few school-books, and a satchel full, perhaps, of miscellaneous books. If I were to go in there and inquire for a copy of Herbert Spencer's Sociology, the proprietor would probably look up in astonishment and reply that they kept doctor's things at the drugstore opposite. Ten miles away in another direction is an ambitious inland city, of perhaps 25,000 inhabitants, which we will call Hammersmith, with a half-dozen bookstores. When I first came to live here a few years ago, I supposed I should readily find all the new books there, and occasionally drove all the way there on purpose to buy some particular book. I think I drove out there fully half a dozen different times in pursuit of as many different books, and only once succeeded in obtaining what I went for. I remember one morning's experience looking for a new book I very much wanted to obtain that day. At the first store I inquired I was told "that they had just sold their last copy; would have more in a few days"; at another, "that the book was out of print"; at another, "that they hadn't it, but would take my order for a copy," and so on to the end of the chapter, and I had to go home without my book. I there and then resolved to make my purchases direct by mail from the publishers in future, and have done so to date; and now I should like to know, Mr. Editor, from you, or from any of your numerous correspondents, what justice there is in these country booksellers, as they call themselves—but who cannot afford to keep books for sale—demanding from the publishers that they shall charge me an advance on the price of their books, in order to protect them (the booksellers) in their trade? No, sir, the bookbuyers have some right to be heard in this discussion. There are many of this class who live at a much greater distance than I do from any one *pretending* to be a bookseller; and do you say that they must all pay a *bonus* to protect the interest of the nearest bookseller? Pshaw! Away with such gabble, in this nineteenth century! The booksellers may meet in convention and resolve till they are blue, but they will never be able to dictate to such houses as Harpers, Appletons, and Osgoods how *they* shall conduct their business.

No, Mr. Editor, the booksellers have seized the bull by the *tail*, instead of the *horns*. The reason they have not made money will be found to be, that *there are too many of them.* Competition has destroyed all the profit there might have been in the business. Now, in Hammersmith, for instance, there are six booksellers, where at most a fair living could only be expected for two; therefore

they must all linger out a consumptive existence, in debt for their stock and in debt to the local banks. If the booksellers would resolve, therefore, to any purpose, let them resolve—two-thirds of them at least—to "Go West" and farm it; and then those who remain might make a respectable living by their business. If you divide a single loaf of bread among half a dozen hungry men, they must all go hungry; whereas, if one had eaten it all, his hunger might have been satisfied.

Booksellers' Protective Union.

(*Reprinted from the* WEEKLY, *for Jan.* 3, 1874. *See also last issue.*

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 25, 1873.

THE next meeting of this association has been postponed to Feb. 12, 1874. This is done at the instance of a large number of friends of the movement to give time to communicate with the publishers, and in the hope that the meeting in February will be a general meeting of booksellers and publishers, and result in much good to the trade.

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SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec., 25, 1873.

To the Publishers and Jobbers of Books:

DEAR SIRS: It is made the duty of the Executive Committee of "The Booksellers' Protective Union" to submit to you the accompanying letter, which is signed by most of the leading booksellers from West Va. to Kansas, and from the Lakes to Tennessee. So much has been said upon the general subject of the letter through the columns of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, and in other journals, that it is not at all necessary to elaborate the petitions.

You will see by a notice in this number of the WEEKLY that the next meeting of the "Booksellers' Protective Union" has been postponed to *Thursday, February* 12, 1874, and will take place at the Burnett House, Cincinnati, O.

We hope to have many responses to this communication, and invite publishers and jobbers generally to meet with us in convention at that time. From the facts that our interests are mutual, and that several publishers and jobbers have already expressed their willingness to adopt some regulations looking to a reform, we are encouraged to hope for a speedy remedy of these evils.

We shall be pleased to have communications from any publisher or jobber who cannot meet with us in convention.

Respectfully yours,

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To the Publishers and Jobbers of Books:

GENTLEMEN: At a Convention of Western Booksellers, held at Cincinnati, October 16, 1873, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS. A great irregularity exists in the book trade, viz.: publishers and jobbers selling books to persons not in the trade, at nearly the same discount as to the trade, and in some instances at even a greater discount, therefore,

"*Resolved*, 1. That we consider the foregoing irregularity as very detrimental to the interests of both the publishers and retail dealers.

"*Resolved*, 2. That the various publishers and jobbers throughout the country are under obligations to the trade to immediately discontinue this custom, and furnish no one outside the trade with books at any other than the regular retail prices, *except* school books for *first* introduction."

The undersigned retail booksellers call your attention to the above resolutions, and respectfully request that you comply with the second resolution.

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Chas. Anthony	"
Abel Low	"
Prugh & Bro	"
Payne, Holden & Co., and other firms	Dayton, O.
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W. H. Gillard	Oxford, O.
S. C. Richey	"
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Geo Sotterthwait	"
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Geo. E. Stevens & Co	Cincinnati, O.
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E. Kelly	Troy, O.
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Baxter Trenor.....Norwalk, Huron Co., O.
H. B. Grant..... " "
A. Brenneman.....Lancaster, O.
Tuttle & Co..... "
Kurtz & Norris.....Athens, O.
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John S. Adair.....McConnelsville, O.

And other Booksellers in Cleveland, Erie, Chicago, St. Louis, and smaller places throughout the entire West.

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(*See Publishers' Weekly Dec.* 13.)

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the royal throne of this world as the highest type of God's creation. The author, who is already known through his "Credo," shows in these sketches marked power of expression and great originality of thought. 16mo, cloth. $1.50.

OBITUARY.

Charles Astor Bristed.

CHARLES ASTOR BRISTED, of late years best known, perhaps, as "Carl Benson," died at his residence, in Washington, on Thursday, January 15. He was one of those few men of wealth who write for the love of writing; and much travel and a command of modern languages gave his pen a refreshing freedom and fluency. He was born in New York in 1820, and was the only son of the late Rev. John Bristed, an Episcopal clergyman, who married Margaret Bentzon, eldest daughter of John Jacob Astor. He took degrees both in Yale and in Trinity, England, in both institutions gaining high honors in the study of Latin. In 1847 he married the daughter of Henry Brevoort, a literary friend of Washington Irving, and, upon her death, wedded Miss Sedgwick. He was one of the original trustees of the Astor Library. He wrote many papers, of a transient kind, for *Fraser's Magazine*, *Knickerbocker*, *Whig Review*, *N. Y. Spirit of the Times*, *Clipper*, and latterly the *Galaxy* and *N. Y. Evening Post*. His notable works are "The Upper Ten Thousand," a series of sketches of New York life which originally appeared in *Fraser's*, and his most valuable book, "Five Years in an English University," of which a revised edition has been issued within two years. His latest piece of literary work was a translation of Cherbuliez's novel of "Prospero," which was just ready for publication in the "Leisure Hour Series" at the time of his death. Mr. Bristed's labors in behalf of international copyright, as secretary of the American committee, should long be remembered with gratitude.

JOURNALISTIC.

IT is often urged, says the *Evening Mail*, that the reading of periodical literature tends to decrease the reading and sale of books. Dr. Holland's autobiographical novel of "Arthur Bonnicastle" was printed in *Scribner's Magazine*, whose circulation is by no means confined to its publication office, and it is not unlikely that 150,000 people read it as it then appeared. According to those theorists, the book ought to have fallen flat. Yet the close of the year in which it was published, found it in its eighteenth thousand. What is to be said to this?

THE following weekly papers devoted to the lighter class of family reading have just been started: *The New York Weekly Budget*, by John S. Hillyer, $4 per annum, ten cents per copy; *The New York Reader*, four cents per number; *The New York Fireside Journal*, by J. H. Munson & Co., three cents per number. *The Saturday Morning*, another paper of the *Ledger* and *New York Weekly* description, is promised by Prof. Wm. Henry Peck.

THE *Lithograph* is a new monthly, devoted to the lithographing trade and associated branches published by Charles Hart, at $1.50 per annum.

THE *American Artisan*, New York, has changed to a monthly of 32 pages, $2 per annum.

THE *Druggists' Price Current*, New York city, has been purchased by William O. Allison, and merged into the *Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter*.

Nature has commenced a series of portraits of eminent scientific men, which are issued as gratis supplements. The first, a likeness of Faraday, is one of the best copperplate engravings produced for some time. It is the work of Mr. Jeens.

A NEW monthly literary journal is issued under the title of the *Literary Herald* by Fiske & Co., of Fleet street, London.

THE *Navy*, edited by Captain Pim, made its first appearance on the 7th inst.

A NEW journal has appeared in London under the title of the *Brewer and Distiller*, intended to represent the interests of these trades.

A NEW journal is announced under the title of the *British Architect*, to advocate the interests of architects, builders, etc.

THE article on the Cuban Insurrection in the current number of the *Edinburgh Review*, contains the most recent and complete account which has been published in Europe of that sanguinary contest, taken in part from what is termed the "Cuban Book of Blood."

A NEW monthly magazine, to be called the *Christian Evidence Journal*, edited by Mr. B. H. Cowper, was started on the 1st of January.

A CHARMING paper on "English Sundays and London Churches," by the present literary editor of the *Evening Post*, Mr. E S. Nadal, will appear in the forthcoming *Scribners'*.

THE Young Men's Christian Association, of New Orleans have started a paper, the Y. M. C. A. *Chronicle*, and request books for review; to be sent to the care of Messrs. George Ellis & Bro., No. 82 Camp st.

Church's Musical Visitor has changed its form and style of "make up." It has also been enlarged, and has adopted wide columns after the manner of the London *Musical Times*.

THE new literary weekly, under the old name of the *Academy*, appeared in London with the new year according to promise. It costs a penny more (4d.) than the *Athenæum*, but promises to be a formidable rival to that staid and venerable journal, much more full, and fresher in its literary and other intelligence, and having among its writers some of the best names in England. All its articles are to be signed, and among the contributors to the first number are Frances Power Cobbe and Max Müller.

THE *Weekly Public Opinion* is a new Republican paper, published by Wm. S. & E. W. Sharp, Trenton, N. J., at $2 per annum.

THE *Cottage Hearth*, "a Journal of Home Arts and Aids, Home Life and Leisure," is a new monthly published by Milliken & Gould, Boston, at $1.25 per annum.

VICTOR HUGO's new novel, "In the Year '93," is to run as a serial in the *London Graphic*, so that the publication of the completed work will be deferred some months.

THE first edition of the little book, "Goethe and Mendelssohn," has been exhausted; and a second edition, to be published immediately, will contain a dozen new letters addressed by Mendelssohn to the Horsley family. A translation of Dr. Hiller's Recollections of Mendelssohn is to appear in *Macmillan's Magazine*.

LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

N. TIBBALS & SONS have just issued a new edition of their "Theologian's Catalogue," with addenda to January, 1874. This work contains the titles and prices of more than 11,000 books, classified under proper headings, and is exceedingly valuable.

A WORK on "The English Drama," by Prof. A. W. Ward, treating particularly of the early development of histrionic art, is to be published by Macmillan & Co.

"THE New Don Quixote; or, The Wonderful Adventures of Tartarin of Tarascon," from the French of Alphonse Daudet, will be one of the most amusing books of the year. It is a satire on the proneness of the southern French to exaggeration. The hero has acquired a commanding reputation as a huuter in his own village, though he has never passed its bounds; and the story tells how public sentiment forced him, much against his will, to make a lion-hunting expedition into Africa, and of the strange adventures that befell him there. H. B. Fuller, Boston, announced the book some months ago; but its publication has been delayed till the present time.

PROF. BURT G. WILDER, of Cornell University, the *protegé* and friend of the late Prof. Agassiz, has written a book on a very delicate but important subject. It is "What Young People Should Know," and is an exposition of the anatomy, physiology, and hygiene of the sexual organs. Estes & Lauriat will publish it.

EDWARD FOSS, F.R.S., author of "The Lives of the Judges of England," has written "Memories of Westminster Hall." It is a collection of anecdotes, incidents, etc., relating to that famous temple of justice, and the distinguished men whose names are associated with it. It will be issued in two handsome octavo volumes by Estes & Lauriat.

GEN. CUSTER is writing the last pages of his "Life on the Plains," which Sheldon & Co. will publish this spring. They have also a novel by Lillie Devereux Blake, which, under the title of "Lord and Master," deals with the vexed woman suffrage question, and are to print, also, another novel by Mrs. Annie Edwards, published in England as "Creeds," but which title, as somewhat misleading, she prefers to change to "Estelle." Mrs. Edwards herself considers this perhaps the best of her novels. The title of Mrs. Blake's novel, we may add, is too near "Her Lord and Master," by Mrs. Ross Church (Florence Maryatt), and should be changed.

THE Western News Co. is to publish "Poems by Clint Parkhurst, of Iowa," dedicated to the surviving private soldiers of the Seventeenth Army Corps "by one who shared their vicissitudes and glories."

J. SABIN & SONS have lately received a considerable invoice of elegant books, consigned from London by the resident partner there, in which are some bargains in fine books.

PROF. CAIRNES is writing a new work on Political Economy in the light of new developments, particularly of the labor and capital problem. An interesting feature will be an examination of the principles of international trade, and a criticism of some of the theories of American protectionists.

A NEW LIFE OF FRANKLIN.—A new and complete Life of Benjamin Franklin, by the Hon. John Bigelow, is now passing through the press of J. B. Lippincott & Co., and will be published shortly. It is said to be constructed on an entirely novel plan, which is expected to lend new charms to the story of Franklin's wonderful career.

THE AUTHORIZED LIFE OF EDWIN FORREST.—J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia, announce that by arrangement with the executors they have in course of preparation the life of this celebrated tragedian, by Rev. W. R. Alger, of Boston, from facts and material furnished by Mr. Forrest, before his death, to Mr. Alger, and other papers supplied by the executors. The volume will embrace about 500 octavo pages, and will be illustrated with at least ten fine engravings, representing Mr. Forrest in different characters, and two portraits of himself and one of his mother, all from steel plates. The volume is to be published in handsome style, and promises to be a very interesting and valuable work.

THE London *Publishers' Circular* registered, during the past year, 3,463 new books and pamphlets, 1,286 more which appeared in new editions, and 242 American importations—which latter must represent but a small proportion of all, since the number of these is admitted to be in rapidly increasing ratio each year. Of the original publications, those in theology, as usual, take the lead, though, counting reprints, fiction has pressed itself to the fore. There were 564 new volumes in theology, 507 in fiction, 402 in art, science, etc., 296 in education, classics, and philology, 288 in history and biography, 231 year-books and bound serials, 221 in poetry and drama, 219 in juvenile literature, 191 in travel, 121 in essays, belles-lettres etc., 104 each in medicine and economics, and 77 in law, besides 134 miscellaneous, including pamphlets, not sermons. Of these 3,463, therefore, only a few hundred are to be counted as pamphlets. The current of English publishing is shown by the same table to be not far different from our own, December being the maximum month, with 601 new books, and January the minimum, with 99. The production in Germany, 1873, is registered at Leipsic as 13,963 works; our own copyright office, it will be remembered, reported 3,147 bound volumes, and 2,543 pamphlets.

SIGNOR MINGHETTI, Prime Minister of Italy, and eminent in letters, is engaged on a work on "Europe during the Reformation."

REV. Dr. Isaac Handy, of Virginia, is to tell about his fifteen months' imprisonment at Fort Delaware, in a book with the punny title "United States Bonds."

"MOTHER GOOSE" has been done into Latin and will be published, under the title of "Nugæ Inutiles," by Shepard & Gill.

MR. Chas. H. Smythe, for many years with the house of John W. Pittock & Co., Pittsburgh, has lately connected himself with the old-established and well-known firm of J. R. Weldin & Co., booksellers and stationers, 101 Wood street, of the same city.

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A FIVE-VOLUME edition of Robert Buchanan's prose and poetical works is to be published shortly in London.

WE are glad to learn that the huge tables of "Descriptive Sociology," by Herbert Spencer, are having a considerable sale. They are dedicated by that great scientist "To my American friends, in recognition of the encouragement I have received from their early-shown and long-continued interest in my works."

R. A. PROCTOR has written a book on "The Universe and the Coming Transits," in which he presents some new views as to the constitution of the heavens. It will be illustrated with 23 charts (4 colored), including two specimens from the author's chart of 324,000 stars.

A FRENCH political novel, entitled the "Social and Natural History of a Family under the Second Empire," is being written by M. Emile Zola, a leader of the "realistic" school. The work is designed to do for the Cæsarian epoch what the "Comédie Humaine" did for the society of the Restoration.

THE well-known Major Constable, of Harper & Bros., is the son of Mr. Archibald Constable, the great Edinburgh publisher, the memorial of whom is accounted among the most interesting works ever published in England.

A MEMORIAL volume of a Scotch minister, Rev. Mr. McCheyne, was published in 1845, and, although almost unknown out of Scotland, has attained its 105th thousand, and still commands an average sale of 3,000 copies annually.

THAT superb work, "The Birds of North America," drawn and described by Dr. Theo. Jasper, and published by Robert Clarke & Co., Cincinnati, of which five parts are already out, will be completed in thirty-six monthly parts, royal quarto size, at one dollar each. Each part contains eight pages of letterpress and four colored plates.

THE advance orders for Miss Edwards's new novel, "In the Days of My Youth," were so extensive as to exhaust the whole of the first edition, consisting of 2,000 copies, the day after its publication. Porter & Coates have a second edition just ready, with which they hope to be able to fill all orders received.

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Evils and the Remedies.

We regard the coming convention as one of the most important events in the history of the American book trade; a step forward and in the right direction, and one which, if it does not succeed directly or immediately in the cure of the evils that distress the trade, will yet lead in its ultimate results to that much-desired end. And we regard it as especially important because we expect that its tone and action will formulate and emphasize what we are glad to find has become the sentiment of the entire trade, that trade interests are one, and that publisher, jobber, and retailer profit each by the prosperity of each, and are harmed each by the harm of each. We have been at much pains within the past fortnight to ascertain the views of that part of the trade which centres in the metropolis, and which may fairly be taken to represent the trade at large, upon the several phases of the one issue which has distressed and perplexed the trade, and which will be the staple of discussion and action at the convention —the bane of underselling in its various ramifications and its incident demoralizations. We have been very glad to find a general willingness among publishers to meet the retailers half-way—an eagerness, we may say, to give ear to their grievances and to adopt any suggestions of remedy that are friendly and promise to be effective. The meeting of the Board of Trade in this city on the 13th, and still more the distance of the place of the convention, will prevent any considerable representation of publishers from New York. All with whom we have conversed, however, express themselves in sympathy with the aims of that gathering, and some will communicate their views by letter. The special committee of the Board of Trade on underselling, especially to schools, consisting of Messrs. Curtis, Sheldon, and Holt, is generally in favor of postponing any recommendation of action until the Union shall have formulated its difficulties and suggested its plans of remedy; and one of its members advises the appointment by the convention of a thoroughly representative committee of dealers, which may come to New York, and if possible "talk the thing out" in friendly counsel face to face.

It is generally agreed that underselling, in all its phases, has now reached such a pitch that it does only harm everywhere. The public is not induced to buy any more books, because the means of inducing it, viz., the retailers, are being broken down. The retailer, whose nominal discount is 40 per cent., has given so much of his discount away that he scarcely realizes a third of it. The jobber, by cutting under, reduces his profits to a *minimum* or a *minus* quantity, and the publisher finds his chief instrument of sale, the retail trade, becoming less efficacious for this reason every year. It is unanimously agreed among the New York publishers who have given us their views on this subject, that the first remedy must be a *reduction of these superfluous discounts by a reduction of the retail price of books*. This would, in the first place, gratify the public, and give a "new departure" of vigor in the sale of books; the retailer would no longer be tempted nor expected to give away a part of his discount, and 25 per cent. off would net him much more than 40 does now. The jobber's lower margin of profit would have a like restraining effect. The publisher would get as much for his books, and do business on a far more efficient system. We may add as to the vexed question of "books sent by mail," that the publishers generally believe that the cost and trouble of writing a letter, the delay and liability to loss or damage in forwarding the book, and the desire to see what one is buying, are sufficient protection to the distant retailer, provided the great cities no longer offer general facilities, by underselling, for getting books below the regular price. The last argument is a bit fallacious, for it is one of the complications of the question that books, being exact duplicates through an edition, may be ordered with surety by sample; but the reasoning is in the main true. However, many publishers are willing to add a mailing charge of five or ten cents, or five or ten per cent., to the retail price, if the dealers believe it necessary to their interests, and we are sure that an agreement to add "for sale by all booksellers" in advertisements would be generally signed.

The reduction of discounts would necessitate a reorganization of prices on a "hard-pan" basis, viz.: the cost of manufacture and sale, plus the publisher's proper profit (including insurance for risk), plus the discount generally agreed upon as the maximum. If a general agreement as to discounts were arrived at, the few firms that insist upon "padding" books and prices would be of so little account as to be left out of the question

without danger. On such a basis of prices, the publisher could not afford to make any greater discount, nor would the retailer be tempted to give away a part of his profit. As one of the veterans of the trade said to us, the public do not want books under price, but the offer is thrust in their faces; the public are quite willing to pay full reasonable prices. It is only because the nominal price of books has been put artificially high, to cover these extravagant discounts, that the public has any grievance. Supplementary to this reorganization of discounts and prices, it is further necessary that publishers agree to protect their dealers; that is, not to sell a book at retail below the advertised retail price.

The question of what should be the rate and scale of discounts is perplexing, yet it admits of a solution. Discounts should be as low as possible, so as to take away the temptation to give away profits, yet high enough to make bookselling a profitable business, in which the best men can afford to engage. As it is, 40 per cent. discount means frequently but 10 per cent. profit. Discounts were never nominally so high, and practically so low. The reduction of discounts really means, to the retailer, an increase of them. A third and five is a discount which should be the limit for exceptional rates, and it is believed that twenty-five off (a profit of a third on dealer's investment of capital) would be the safest regular rate. The apportionment of such lesser discount among jobbers and retailers is really the most perplexing point of the problem. Some would allow twenty-five to retailers and a third to jobbers, using their practical knowledge of the trade to decide whether a dealer is entitled to the advantage of the latter. Others would establish a sliding scale, on which five copies should be sold, say at twenty, ten at twenty-five, fifty at thirty, and larger quantities at a third, thus giving the jobber the proper advantage of his larger purchases. Others still would have a rigid discount, alike to all, allowing the jobber to collect a definite rate of commission for the services rendered to the publisher in massing a number of little accounts into one large and easily manageable one, and to the retailer in gathering together for him the books of various publishers. The jobbing element in the trade, it is claimed, is largely to blame for the present state of things by their "pooling" and underselling their principals. Nevertheless, the joining together of several houses, whether jobbers or retailers, under one buyer, simplifies and lessens the cost of the transaction, and is entitled to whatever advantage may accrue. Under a definite arrangement as to discounts, the school-book publishers are generally willing, except in cases of first introduction, to protect the local dealer in school books by reducing the discount to schools or towns to the limit of ten or fifteen per cent., enough to cover the risk assumed by the teacher in giving out books to scholars on credit and such reasonable items.

We were surprised to find that nearly every publisher with whom we have had opportunity to talk introduced the trade sales as a chief cause of disturbance in the matter of underselling. It is urged that these sales, which were useful a generation ago, are quite superseded by the present facilities for communication between the trade centres and the most distant outposts; that the publisher, letting his books go at what they may, and paying, besides, the ten per cent. commission and the catalogue charges, is too often actually out of pocket by the transaction, and so far crippled for a great part of the year; that the buyer, coming to New York at considerable expense of travel and hotel bills, does not really gain, and in fact usually overloads himself with books that he does not want and cannot readily sell, and so locks up his capital on his shelves with these supposed "bargains," that he can't buy any new and really salable books the rest of the season. We may mention two instances of the effect of these sales that were cited to us: one, that the pool of jobbers which bought 5,000 copies of Scribner's "Common Sense in the Household," at half off, put the price so much below the publishers' rates that the house informing us "hadn't bought a copy from Scribner since;" whereas they would otherwise have been quite content to buy the same quantity of a book which they "must have," directly and at regular rates; the other, that the agents in this city of a prominent Boston firm were indignantly told by their own retail customer that they had no business to charge full price for their principals' book, when it was advertised in Boston ("Books from Trade Sale, cheap") at half the money. It is further argued that the only valid reason for contributing to the sales is the inducement of ready cash to houses of little capital, but that even these so run down their own stock by offering it at any price that the year's work shows that this is the very poorest way of raising money possible. The personal popularity of Mr. George A. Leavitt, whom we all know as one of the most genial and courteous members of the trade, and the fear that since everybody else goes in a withholding publisher will find the dealer's capital all used up at the sale so that none is left for purchase of his books at private sale, are the sole motives that influence all but a very few houses in contributing to the sale. We have been assured by some of the largest contributors—one of whom says he never feels so small in his life as when he comes off that platform after his invoice is sold—that they will gladly sign a general agreement not to contribute to these sales, and that they will thank any one person or house who will undertake the work which everybody is waiting for somebody else to start. The trade sale, we must say, is generally regarded—not because of

the quantity sold, but because the prices on books here sold "make" the prices for the rest—as a very great element in the present difficulty. We should say that we have written t Mr. Leavitt to give opportunity for a reply to the objections brought against the sale by correspondents and publishers, but, owing to his absence from the city, nothing has been received as we go to press.

We may instance one practical illustration of much of what we have said. The Harpers have not for some years contributed to the trade sale; they do not undersell, and a third and five is a discount allowed by them only for the largest amounts. Their books are therefore the stiffest in the trade, and we presume all booksellers will agree that there is more money made on their books, dollar for dollar of retail price, than on any others. But the most of the other houses cannot afford to take this stand alone. What is wanted is general agreement among the houses of importance. Everybody seems to be waiting for reform, if only some one person will take upon himself to start the ball a-rolling. Consequently we consider the suggestion of another prominent publisher one of the most practical that has been made: that the convention, besides appoi ting a committee of conference, should agree upon resolutions of requests to publishers covering the leading points—reduction of prices and discounts, withdrawal from trade sale, refusal to undersell; that these should be put separately, because some houses would not sign a set of resolutions, but would agree on most of the points, as an agreement to be signed by publishers generally; and that a capable agent should be appointed to present these papers for signature to Eastern publishers. This, it is to be remembered, is the suggestion not of a retailer, but of a prominent publisher, a contributor to the trade sale, who asserts his confidence that so large a majority of the trade would gladly sign on each point, that the reform would be an established fact. We take no rose-colored view of the difficulties of the trade. We have before pointed out that there are inherent difficulties which cannot be gotten over. But we believe that much can be accomplished. The universality of the feeling that all our interests are one is the first ground of hope; in this spirit wise action can do much. We believe that the convention will act in this spirit, and therefore we believe it will do good.

A CURIOUS triangular question has come up between Messrs. Morrell, Sabin and Johnson as to the sale of the copy of the life of Trumbull, "illustrated" by the former. The book seems to have been put into the hands of both the latter for sale, and both sold it, the one at $1,650, plus commission, the other at $1,550, we believe. Both now hold Mr Morrell for the volumes (which are in the possession of the Messrs. Sabin, or their customer, we believe), and a suit-at-law is threatened. We suggest that the proper way to settle a matter of this sort is by arbitration within the trade. Three intelligent dealers, selected by mutual consent, could settle the question equally satisfactorily, and at much less expense than by a court trial.

WE have received a long letter from the Messrs. Gilman, of Boston, the proprietors of the Williams and Packard System of Penmanship, in reply to the communication from Woolworth, Ainsworth & Co.; but its great length, quite beyond our space, has compelled us to return it to them for condensation. We propose to print their letter in our next number, and we take this opportunity to say that while our columns are open to any facts of interest to the trade, we must request correspondents to be brief and compact in their letters, and to confine themselves to statements of fact. We cannot enter into arguments that threaten interminable controversies.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

The Convention.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Jan. 27, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

DEAR SIR: At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Booksellers' Protective Union to-day, the committee found so many letters from booksellers announcing full sympathy with the action of the association and a determination to support the movement, yet excusing themselves from being present at the coming convention, February 12th, that they at once determined to send out an additional postal card, urging booksellers to be at the convention in person, and not to quietly look on while such great interests of the trade are at stake. In the opinion of the committee, the success of this enterprise will put more money into the pockets of the trade (to whom legitimately belong the profits of the business) than any movement yet projected, and we want dealers to feel that their interests are such that neither their letters of approval or subscriptions of money to the cause can amount to as much as their presence with hand and voice in the convention. Though it costs something to attend, it is less expensive than staying at home and *enduring a trade* with such small profits that your very existence as booksellers seems only a question of time; yet we invite all who *cannot* be present to write to us and express their views freely, that their letters may come before the association, giving whatever of valuable suggestions they can, that the results of the convention may be of general benefit to the trade. Very truly,

J. W. GUNN,

Cor. Sec. and Chairman of Executive Committee.

Work for the Booksellers' "Protective Union" Convention.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

As a publisher I am invited to communicate with the proposed booksellers' convention at Cincinnati, and do so through the WEEKLY.

The question at issue, if embodied in the resolutions of October 16th last, is certainly a very narrow one. It is merely: Resolved, that publishers must not do a retail business. As a publisher I can answer: Resolved, that publishers prefer not to deal with any but those in the trade; and, with a familiarity with the business of most large Eastern houses, I can aver, without fear of successful contradiction, that those houses studiously repel any dealings with book consumers. Where, like Appletons, Scribner, Osgood, Harper, Lippincott, etc., a retail department has been found necessary, *every book is studiously sold at the announced retail price.* If a purchaser asks it for less, he is referred to the wholesale department, and there he has got to show good authority for his demand to obtain at the trade rate. So settled is this policy that this "Protective Union" makes an assertion, or inference, which it *cannot* substantiate, as against any of our leading houses in resolving that the contrary is the fact; *i. e.*, that publishers and jobbers systematically sell to persons not in the trade at trade rates, or better. Let me say I pronounce the resolve to be a gross error of fact, as applied to any of the publishing houses named above, and only partially true as applied to a few houses that give "commissions" on orders of a reasonble amount from schools, librarians, ministers, and book gatherers.

With this latter class let the "Union" deal, if it so pleases. The stubborn facts discussion must elicit will doubtless surprise a great many persons in the trade.

First, it will be found that, as a rule, the retail booksellers bid for all orders of any magnitude. If a person wants ten, fifty, or one hundred dollars' worth of books, he can almost unfailingly obtain 20 per cent. off from the local bookseller. This is "business," the tradesman observes. Yes, with a vengeance—seeing that that very tradesman is the man who gets up resolutions against margins or discounts to those not in the trade.

Second, it will be developed that the retailers only in exceptional cases keep a good supply of the newest books. Their shelves usually are filled with stock which they secured "at a bargain"—at 50 and 60 off; trade sale rubbish, English remainders, or stock of some one who had to go out of business; and, as a result, "they can't afford to carry a current list." To take one, two, or three of the most promising new books announced they will not. Now, this may be "business" too; but the publisher, anxious to get a market for his new publications, very naturally feels that the retailer who absolutely refuses to give any advance orders, or to buy after the volume is out, is not the safest dependence for him. His only protection is so to open his trade list to all who want his books, that any volume can be had at retail rates by mail, or on application. This is one of his reserved rights which the "Union" had better pass without discussion, since to abrogate or qualify it is to say to the reading public, "You shall not have the book unless we see fit to supply it; if we don't see fit to keep the newest books, you must buy our old sheep."

Third, the pernicious habit of loading up at trade sales with underpriced stock will be found, upon investigation, to extend to wholesale and retail men alike. The slaughter of remainders and "dead horses" at these semi-annual auctions is a prolific source of evil. It gluts the market with inferior books, and, what is worse, breaks the margins of all. No retailer is willing to take a new and good book at 1-3 off when he can secure books a shade less fresh for 1-2 off, and "old soldiers" for a little more than the mere cost of manufacture.

Fourth, this unsettling of margins, by the ruinous trade sales and by the additional stress of a competition with the flood of English books pouring in upon us through gross defect in the tariff laws, has been a slow poison to publishers; and unless the "Union" can suggest and *enforce* a reform in the matter of margins it will be absolutely necessary for the publisher to become, as far as possible, not only publisher but salesman. This, indeed, is the secret of the establishment, by almost all the leading publishers in the three great Eastern cities, of retail departments, where not only all their own books but those of every other publisher are kept in good supply—always at uniform publishers' announced retail rates.

Fifth, in every large town will always be found retailers who make boast that all books are sold at less than the publisher's announced price. So general has this pernicious custom become, that purchasers of books are now out of patience if the proper price is demanded! Pray, who is responsible for this but the retailer? It was "business" at first, with some reckless fellow; but retailer after retailer having "followed suit," it has now grown to an evil of disastrous consequences to all concerned. It will be a good session's work for the "Union" to remedy this wretched condition of affairs. Publishers are powerless in the matter.

I should like much to attend the proposed convention, because I believe plain talk would do good. The interests of bookmakers and booksellers are almost identical; what injures one injures both. There should be confidence and confraternity among all in the business, in good standing; but if there is not, the publishers certainly are not greatly to blame. They do not desire, in any manner, to interfere with the retailer's business, nor to break down his profits. On the contrary, they prefer to see their salesmen prosper; and will do what lies in their power to make the American book trade, as it deserves to be, one of the most honorable, solvent, and prosperous businesses in the country.

Yours, etc.,

ONE OF THE TRADE.

FROM PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, January 26.

Two deaths have recently occurred among the book men of this city, which I think have not yet been chronicled in the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY. William Alexander Leary, Jr., a very well known second-hand bookseller, died on the 22d ult., of consumption. The foundations of the disease, which ultimately proved fatal, were laid during the war, in which Mr. Leary served as a member of the 95th Pennsylvania Volunteers. Leaving the army in 1862, on account of ill health, he started in a very small way, the whole of his stock in trade being carried in a basket on his arm. Industry and perseverance, however, soon brought their reward, and in a very short time he was the

proprietor of several bookstalls along the Delaware front. He eventually (in October, 1868) took the store, at Fifth and Walnut, which he occupied at the time of his death; not the least interesting object in which is the basket which contained his first stock of books. The stand was a good one, as it was in the busiest part of the city, and his store soon had a wide reputation among the buyers of old books. His stock was of a very miscellaneous character, composed chiefly of the cheaper class of books. Mr. Leary was somewhat abrupt in his address, but was prompt in his engagements, and very straightforward in his business relations. He was still a young man at the time of his death.

Samuel Worcester Butler, M.D., publisher of the *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, and a number of other medical works, died on the 6th of January, of consumption, in his 51st year. He was born at Brainard, Tenn., where his father was a physician and missionary among the Cherokee Indians. In 1854 he became the proprietor and manager of the *Medical Reporter*, then published in Burlington, N. J., and in 1858 removed to Philadelphia, where the journal has since been published.

Henry C. Baird objects to his plan for the financial regeneration of the country being termed "unlimited inflation." He says "the increase of the currency up to the requirements of the country would put an end to the credit system, and so far from leading to inflation, would result in contraction, the bullionists being the true inflationists." Between new books on the industrial arts and new plans of finance, I always leave this gentleman with a most perplexed idea of what I have heard. I have a confused remembrance of something being said about a new book on the "Metallurgy of Greenbacks, with Notes on the Reduction of Funded Debts by the Boutwell process, illustrated with diagrams, showing the existence of gold in national bank notes by means of spectral analysis. 12mo, convertible bonds, $3.65." I don't feel sure I have got the words in the order they were spoken, but I am positive I heard all of them uttered. I may here state that the articles in Appleton's Encyclopædia on "Bank," "Mint," "Money," and "Political Economy" are written by Mr. Baird. He will shortly publish "Studies of Blast Furnace Phenomena," by M. L. Grunn, President of the General Council of Mines of France. Translated, with the author's sanction, with an appendix, by L. D. B. Gordon, F.R.S.E., etc., and "The Theory and Practice of the Art of Designing Fancy Cotton and Woollen Cloths from Sample," by Fred. T. Ashton. 4to, plates.

T. B. Peterson & Bros. will shortly publish a "Life of Edwin Forrest," by James Rees, a Philadelphia writer, well known, under the pseudonym of "Colley Cibber," by his contributions to the local press. A very excellent portrait on steel of Forrest, and a photograph of him in the character of Spartacus, will be contained in the volume. The book will be a thick 12mo, and will sell for $2. They have also in preparation "Victor's Triumph," which is the completion of "A Beautiful Fiend," by E. D. E. N. Southworth; "The Dethroned Heiress," by Eliza A. Dupuy; and three short tales by Wm. Newby, "Margaret Hamilton," "Married," and "Common Sense." The three latter will be in paper covers, price 50 cents each.

J. B. Lippincott & Co. appear to be the only house which is showing much activity in the preparation of new books for the spring trade. One little book, just issued by them, is deserving of special attention, as it contains more within its limited space than any other single volume in existence. It is "The History of English Institutions," by Philip V. Smith, M.A. Hallam and May, and perhaps half-a-dozen similar works, have been condensed to make up this volume. It is full of facts and dates which even those who had access to an extensive library might find it difficult to refer to. By the time this is in print, Ouida's new story, "Two Little Wooden Shoes," will have been published. It is said to be in the author's later and best style, and immensely superior to most of her early productions. Proctor's "Borderland of Science" should be a popular book, as the author has made himself a most popular teacher of science since he began his lecture course in this country. Richard A. Proctor has the happy faculty of investing his subjects with an interest quite apart from their value as scientific facts. His literary style is excellent, and he contrives to suggest applications of his theories which at once bring them home to the minds of the least thoughtful of his readers. The whole of the following list will be issued by the end of this month, or soon after the beginning of February: "Nicholas Nickleby," forming Vols. V. and VI. of the Standard Illustrated Edition of Dickens; "The Honeymoon, Remembrance of a Bridal Tour through Scotland," by Count de Medina Pomar; "A Manual of Toxicology," by John J. Reese, M.D., of the University of Pennsylvania; "The Villages of the Bible," by Rev. E. Paxton Hood; "Mercersburg Theology Inconsistent with Protestant and Reformed Doctrine," by B. S. Schneck, D.D.; "Ligation of the Arteries," by L. H. Farabeuf, translated by J. D. Jackson, M.D.; "Alide, a Romance of Goethe's Life," by Emma Lazarus; "Tables for the Determination of Minerals by their Physical Characteristics," from the German of Prof. Albin Weisbach, by Persifer Frazier, Jr., of the University of Pennsylvania; and "What Will He Do With It?" by Lord Lytton. The firm announces "The Authorized Life of Edwin Forrest," by Rev. Wm. R. Alger, well known by his work on the "Doctrine of a Future Life." The present work is stated to have been made up from materials furnished by Forrest, and subsequently by the executors of his estate. It will be a book of 500 pages, and will contain a number of illustrations. They have also in the press a new and much enlarged "Life of Franklin," edited by Hon. John Bigelow.

Alfred Martien is making great efforts with his *Young Folks' News*, which he is pushing in all directions. The periodical has a very handsome circulation, which I have reason to know is weekly on the increase.

George Maclean has a new book of American humor in the press, the title of which is not yet announced. It is by "Max Adler," the *nom de plume* of G. H. Clark, one of the editors of the Philadelphia *Evening Bulletin*.

J. V. W.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

FORSTER'S Dickens is to be concluded immediately by the publication of the third volume in England early in February, and soon after, we presume, by the Lippincotts here. This double biography, of Mr. Forster and Mr. Dickens, is certainly a publishing success, if it does not meet literary approval.

THE death of Mrs. Anna C. Lowell brings into new prominence a work which, in its publication by Ticknor & Fields some years ago, shed a lustre on its author's name. Her volume, entitled "Seed Grains for Thought and Discussion," was just such a collection of shining pebbles from the ocean-depths of thought as might have been expected from her exalted culture, and pure, yet vigorous taste. Bishop Huntington, speaking of it, said: "For a book of reference and refreshment, we know not half-a-dozen books one-half as nourishing": and N. P. Willis, in the *Home Journal*, used in reviewing it the unequivocal words: "A book that is worth more of any one's money, or of any one's trouble to get it, keep it, and study it, than anything which has been published since we can remember" The work is not yet out of print, and will repay study to-day as well as ever.

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THE next volume of the "Nature Series" of scientific monographs, published by the Macmillans, will have a very popular addition in one on "The Birth of Chemistry," by G. F. Rodwell, Senior Master in Marlboro College, which treats entertainingly of the always interesting subject of the alchemists' and early discoverers' work. Others to follow are a little work on Frogs, by St. George Mivart, one on Weights and Measures, by Chisholm, which also is of popular interest, and one on Polarization, by Mr. Spottiswood, the well-known publisher, who is also an able scientist and the president of his section in the British Association, we believe.

THROUGH one of those blunders that will sometimes occur we awarded the Vienna "Medal of Merit," for his method of teaching music, to Luther Whiting, of Boston. There is no Luther Whiting, so far as we know, but Luther Whiting Mason is accomplishing so much for musical education at the "Hub," that his carrying off of the prize was regarded as a matter of course.

VICTOR CHERBULIEZ'S "Romance of an Honest Woman" is being put into English for Shepard & Gill by a young lady who has spent some years abroad, and is said to be a very clever translator.

"GUNNAR," the Norse romance contributed by the young Norwegian writer Boyesen to last year's *Atlantic*, will be published in book form this spring by J. R. Osgood & Co. The author has recently taken the chair of the Languages of Northern Europe in Cornell University.

THE London *Examiner* has passed into the hands of Mr P. A. Taylor, M.P., and become an ultra-Radical journal and a rival in strength to the *Spectator*. Mr. Smalley, of the *Tribune*, says: "I know of no paper that could better be recommended to Americans caring to keep up with the most advanced political radicalism of England."

A CURIOUS book, by Rev. Wm. Mountford, a Unitarian clergyman of Boston, was published some years ago by Crosby & Nichols, under the title "Euthanasy; or, Happy Talk toward the End of Life." It is essentially a series of beautifully composed and almost mystical conversations on the future life. The book appeared before its time, and fell into obscurity; it is now, however, to be brought to light again in a new edition by J. R. Osgood & Co.

THE Boston *Commercial Bulletin* says: "The number of books published in Boston in the course of a year, taking it on an average, can probably be estimated at between 300 and 400, reaching a circulation of 2,000,000 copies at a rough estimate."

GEIKIE'S "Life," a book for young men, with an introduction worthy of the author, Rev. S. H. Tyng, Jr., is well received by the religious press. Whittaker, Bible House, is the publisher.

THE Authors' Publishing Co., 27 Great Jones street, New York, of which we know no more than the name, offers four prizes of $200 each for new MSS. respectively for the best American work of fiction, before March 1; for the best American satire in verse, before May 1; for the best scientific essay from home or foreign writers, before July 1, 1874, and for the best manuscript work of any class—in addition to usual copyright.

MR. CHARLES G. LELAND still asks for songs, letters, or any written specimen whatever, of the Rommany or English Gipsy language. He seems to have become so fascinated with this branch of study as to expend a good part of his time in the work of collection.

A FRENCH journalist is about to publish a history of "M. de Paris," as the French "Jack Ketch" is facetiously dubbed. The writer has reported executions for the daily papers for the last ten years, and speaks presumably from intimate acquaintance with the great man.

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BLAC S "Princess of Thule," which appeared late in December in England, as a guinea-and-a-half book, after running as a serial in *Macmillan's*, reached a third edition by January 1. Mr. Smalley considers it, "on the whole, Mr. Black's best work. more original and at the same time more finished than either the 'Daughter of Heth,' or the 'Adventures of a Phaeton.'"

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THE Marquis de Chambrun's remarkable work on "The Executive Power in the United States," has been translated by Mrs. Dahlgren, widow of the Admiral, and is to be issued soon with an introduction by Hon. Caleb Cushing.

A FRIEND of Prof. F. J. Child has obtained permission to copy two manuscript volumes of Scotch ballads, in possession of Mr. Kinlock, of Edinburgh, for use in a new edition of the Professor's "English and Scotch Ballads." If now the heiress of Abbotsford will suffer a copy to be made of the collection at that place, the Professor's work will contain results of researches into all the known depositories of these lyrics of the people.

OBITUARY.

ADAM BLACK.

A TELEGRAM from London announced the death, on the 25th instant, of Adam Black, the Edinburgh publisher. Mr. Black was the son of a wealthy builder, was born in Edinburgh, 1784, and was educated in his native city. He began business as a bookseller, after serving an apprenticeship to the trade, and among other important works brought out two editions of the Encyclopædia Britannica in 1830 and 1853. He purchased the copyright of the "Waverley Novels," and upon the failure of Constable & Co., became the publisher of *The Edinburgh Review*. He was Lord Provost of Edinburgh from 1843 to 1848, and in 1856 succeeded Mr. Macaulay in the House of Commons, holding his seat as a supporter of Liberal measures until 1865. While Lord Provost he declined the honor of knighthood proffered him, at the suggestion of Lord Russell, by Queen Victoria.

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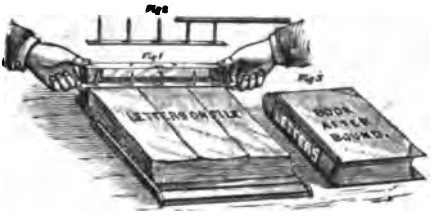

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LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

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MONCURE D. CONWAY'S "Sacred Anthology, a book of Ethnical Scriptures," will be republished on this side by Holt & Williams, by arrangement with the author. The work, which has attracted wide attention abroad, contains 740 readings, classified in 20 books. These chapters are selected from the Sacred Scriptures and classic writers of India, China, Japan, Burmah, Siam, Persia, Arabia, Sabœa, Egypt, Ceylon, Thibet, Syria, Ancient Russia, and Scandinavia; and also selections from the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures in revised translations. They are accompanied with full Marginal References, a List of Authorities, Chronological Notes, and Index.

CASSELL, PETTER & GALPIN are to issue a new illustrated work on Pigeons, uniform with the "Illustrated Book of Poultry." The colored plates are to be similar, and by the same artist. Of the text, it is stated that the subject-matter will be supplied by Mr. R. Fulton, a well-known dealer, assisted by various of the "Fancy" fraternity, and edited and arranged by Mr. Lewis Wright, the author of the "Poultry."

THE March number of the *American Naturalist* has a posthumous article by Professor Agassiz on Selachians (sharks).

MARK TWAIN, now at home, and busy at the work, hopes to complete his descriptive book on the manners and customs of Englishmen before his next visit to their country.

D. VAN NOSTRAND has a new work in press which is designed to be a guide to the methods of surveying public lands, as prescribed by Congress and the Commissioner of the General Land Office. The author is Mr. S. V. Clevenger, U. S. Deputy Surveyor, and the title is "A Treatise on the Method of Government Surveying."

THE thousands who have been delighted and instructed by the lectures of Mr. Proctor, will be glad to know that a work of his, published some years ago in England, but now out of print, a series of "Sun Views of the Earth; or, The Seasons Illustrated," is to be reproduced by the Messrs. Putnam. It comprises thirteen quarto plates, giving forty-eight colored views of the earth as seen from beyond the planet.

A LITTLE volume of "English Sonnets," just imported by Scribner, Welford & Armstrong, containing what the editor, Mr. John Dennis, considers to be the best sonnets in the language, will be of particular interest to the lovers of that manner of poetry.

JULES VERNE'S new story, "The Mysterious Island," is to be published here in *Scribner's Monthly*, by a special arrangement. The tale opens in a balloon, and Richmond, Va., is its starting point. It promises to be one of the most marvellous of Verne's stories. It will be profusely illustrated.

MRS. LILLIE DEVEREUX BLAKE has given a subordinate position to the proposed title of her book, of which she has just finished reading the proof sheets, to avoid confusion with Florence Marryat's novel, and it will be published by Sheldon & Co. soon as "Fettered for Life; or, Lord and Master." Mrs. Blake has made a reputation as a writer, and is still better known as a speaker; and it is expected that this book will justify the prediction of a critic, who, reading an essay some fifteen years ago, expressed the opinion that she would one day write a great novel. The purpose of the novel is to depict the legal and social disadvantages of women, and to satirize city politics and politicians.

W. S. FORTESCUE & CO., Philadelphia, have nearly ready a new edition of Harding's "Alphabetical Outlines, in German text, Old English, Plain and Ornamental Letters," etc., for the use of sign painters and engravers.

A PUBLIC meeting was held in Boston on Friday, the 13th inst., to consider the proposal of a memorial to Louis Agassiz. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that the memorial should take the form of a permanent endowment of Agassiz's cherished Museum of Comparative Zoology. Sixty-five thousand dollars was pledged on the spot, and a committee appointed to organize and receive funds. That committee has wisely determined on a course which will at once enable every teacher and pupil in the land to contribute to the memorial of this man, who, in his will, called himself simply "Louis Agassiz, Teacher," and who magnified his profession. It is proposed that a simultaneous collection be taken throughout the Union on the 28th of May, Agassiz's birthday; the funds thus raised to form a permanent fund to be called "Teachers' and Pupils' Memorial Fund in Honor of Louis Agassiz," to be applied to the endowment of the Museum of Comparative Zoology. Such a movement is in hearty sympathy with the spirit of Agassiz's life.

A LITTLE book on Confirmation, by the Bishop of Montreal, which in its English edition has attained its 313th thousand, is to be reprinted by E. P. Dutton & Co.

HURD & HOUGHTON, New York, The Riverside Press, Cambridge, announce a new text-book by Arthur Gilman, author of "First Steps in English Literature," and uniform with that book. It is entitled "First Steps in General History: a Suggestive Outline," and is intended to give in compact form and in a suggestive manner the salient features of history as regards the great nations of antiquity and the historic nations of modern times. Mr. Gilman's previous success in

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IT is authoritatively stated that "Far from the Madding Crowd," now running in *Every Saturday*, and which London critics ascribed to George Eliot, is by Thomas Hardy. Henry Holt & Co. have arranged to publish the novel in book form, and have nearly ready the same author's "Desperate Remedies." They have made a "catch," in taking up Mr. Hardy.

SAID the good-natured Rev. Dr. Robinson, as he stood looking over the bright and entertaining new books at H. B. Nims & Co's store, Saturday—said the Rev. Dr.: "I see you have 'Schem's Statistics of the World;' have you 'Ham's Travels in the Deluge'?" "No," responded Mr. Nims promptly, "but we can accommodate you with 'Japhet in Search of His Father.'" Dr. Robinson laughed.—*Troy Press.*

SOWER, POTTS & CO., Philadelphia, have changed the price of their Fairbanks' Book-Keeper from $4.00 to $4.50. They have lately issued in the Brooks Normal Series of Mathematics, a new Normal Mental Arithmetic, 38 cents, and a key to the foregoing, price 38 cents.

LINDSAY & BLACKISTON, Philadelphia have issued a new catalogue of works on dentistry, published by them. They have also become the publishers of the British *Journal of Dental Science*, a monthly periodical well known among the members of the dental profession.

PORTER & COATES, Philadelphia. "The Comprehensive Speaker," by Henry T. Coates, published by Porter & Coates, has recently been adopted by the public schools in Philadelphia and also by those of Wilmington, Del.

COWPERTHWAIT & CO., Philadelphia, have lately published a new "Analysis of the English Language," by Prof. S. S. Greene, forming the third volume of the Greene's Series of Grammars; and "Elementary Algebra," one of Hagar's series of mathematics. They have in preparation a key to Hagar's Elementary Algebra; "A Brief Course in Geography," to form one of the Warren series; "Analytical Geometry," by Prof. Hagar; and "First Steps in Spelling," and "The Pronouncing Speller," of the Monroe's series. Of the particular excellence of this last mentioned series, we have taken occasion to speak, as the previous volumes have from time to time been issued.

THE latest publication of J. H. Butler & Co., Philadelphia, is the "Senior Speaker," of the New American Series, by William Oxford. Both in point of mechanical execution, and in the care bestowed upon the editorial work, this series ranks among the best of its class.

CLAXTON, REMSEN & HAFFELFINGER, Philadelphia, have just ready the fifth book of the Choice Reading Series, by Anna T. Randall Diehl. 12mo, pp. 408, half roan, $1.50. The preliminary directions for pupils are clearly given, and the selections are chosen with due regard to fitness. The firm have also just ready "Easy Lessons in Natural Science," by R. E. Kremer, 12mo, illustrated; and a second and revised edition of "An Exposition of the Constitution of the United States," by Henry Flanders, author of a very successful legal work on Fire Insurance, which although only published about two years ago, is already on the Point of being issued in a second edition. Nevins' "Notes on Exodus," published by Claxtons last December, has also had a very large sale, and a third edition is now going through the press.

KAY & BROS., Philadelphia, have nearly ready "The Principles of Equity," by George Tucker Bispham, in one vol., 8vo, $7.50; Smith's Reports, vol. xxi., 8vo, $4.50, and Sergeant & Rawles' Reports, vols. xi. and xii., 8vo, $6.00. They have just issued a most important law work—"Wharton's Criminal Law." 3 vols., 8vo, $22.50. Seventh edition revised and greatly enlarged.

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THE LIBRARY CORNER.

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A "BIBLIOTHECA CORNUBIENSIS" has appeared on the other side, being a catalogue, with biographical and literary memoranda, of all works written by natives of Cornwall, including not only books of permanent interest, but political tracts, also, literary and scientific papers, music, dramas, maps, and even manuscripts.

A "GUIDE to the Choice of Classical Books," by Rev. J. B. Mayor, is a late English publication of especial interest to librarians and students.

THE latest number of Mr. Sabin's *American Bibliopolist* contains an interesting "Chronological List," a long array of particulars in regard to books and bookmaking, each item set down being, as a rule, accompanied by a citation of the authority on which it is based.

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First Session held February 11.

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Minutes of preceding meeting approved.

The Secretary read such of the letters received in reply to his recent circular as presented any points for consideration regarding the withdrawal of agents.

The Executive Committee presented a report accompanied by two resolutions

I. *Resolved*, That the house of Messrs. J. P. Morton & Co. are hereby admitted to membership in the Publishers' Board of Trade, with this provision and understanding, that all and any existing contracts and obligations entered into previous to their admission by members of the Board may be kept i good faith, and that Messrs. J. P. Morton & Co. are entitled to a like privilege. Carried.

Resolved, That the Arbitration Committee take into consideration Article XXV. of the By-Laws, and report whether it has been duly observed in the recent action had in ——— by ———, and whether said article requires any modification in order to assure its observance both in letter and spirit. Carried.

A report, signed by Messrs. Ivison, Cowperthwait, and Maynard, was received from the Arbitration Committee, with the explanation that three members of the Arbitration Committee were interested parties, and consequently unable to act, and that Mr. Ivison had been requested to act with the other two. Under By-Law XXI., a settlement not having been effected by the committee, the matter was brought before the Board. It was referred to a special committee, appointed by the Chair, consisting of Messrs. Wilson, Brewer, and Collins, the parties at issue severally stating that the decision of this committee would be accepted by them as final.

Mr. Curtis, from the committee appointed at the last meeting, reported as follows:

Resolved, That school books shall not be sold by any member of this Board, after first introduction, to any school, school officer, or board of education, at a discount greater than 25 per cent., except to cities and towns where bids are publicly asked for, and the boards supply the school books to the scholars. The purchaser to pay all expenses of transportation.

Mr. Holt, from the same committee, stated that he had signed the report because he believed it an improvement on the present system, but with the understanding that he should move as an amendment what he believed to be a still further improvement—the substitution, in the resolution, of twenty per cent. for twenty-five per cent.

Mr. Sheldon said that the subject would come up later in another form, and moved the tabling of the resolution. Carried.

Mr. Isaac Sheldon offered the following:

Resolved, That a Committee of (5) Five be appointed by the President to carefully consider our present by-laws and suggest any amendments or improvements which they may deem desirable with a view of reorganizing this Board for a period of (2) two years, from July next.

Resolved, That all members are invited to submit to this committee in writing any changes or additions which they may deem desirable.

Resolved, That this committee are instructed to make a preliminary report at the meeting to-morrow, and a matured report later, of such a set of by-laws as may appear to them best ready for consideration by this Board. Carried.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Wilson, A. S. Barnes, Abner Harper, Armstrong, and R. S. Davis. Permission was given for Mr. Harper to serve by proxy.

Mr. Curtis moved that the committee above-named consider the question of discounts and his committee be discharged. Carried.

Adjourned to meet February 12th, at half past one.

Second Session held February 12.

Minutes of session held February 11 approved.

The Committee of Five appointed at the preceding session reported as follows:

The committee appointed to suggest amendments to the by-laws, with a view of reorganizing the Board for a new period, respectfully reports:

That the subject demands more consideration than it is possible to bestow in the limited time afforded them. They accordingly request more time, and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, I. That the Board hold a special meeting April 30th to act upon a matured report which the Committee on Reorganization will then present.

Resolved, II. That every member of the Board who cares to present suggestions for the consideration of this committee is earnestly requested to do so in writing before the first of March, addressing his communications to the Secretary of the Board.

Resolved, III. That the Chair add some representative from Philadelphia to the present committee. Carried.

Mr. Cowperthwait was added to the committee.

Mr. Sheldon moved that the Secretary be requested to address circulars to all houses in the Board, requesting their special attention to the second and third resolutions in the report given above.

The Committee of Three, appointed at the preceding session, reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the case in issue between ——, ——, and —— met and listened to the written evidence submitted to them. Upon consideration of the same it was found that while the facts sworn to justify a complaint the committee do not feel warranted in deciding in so grave a matter without further evidence, and ask for power to employ a special agent, as has been done in previous cases of like importance, who shall visit —— and collect such additional evidence bearing upon the points in doubt as he may be able, and to submit a final report at the next meeting of the Board.

The powers requested were granted.

Mr. Wilson read some extracts from Western newspapers which led him to offer the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Gentlemen holding prominent and influential official positions in certain quarters publicly charge that the publishers of the country have entered into a combination, the chief object of which is to keep up the price of school books, thereby enriching themselves through unjust and extortionate charges, far above what a fair and reasonable profit justifies, and

WHEREAS, These charges are manifestly founded upon a misapprehension of facts as to the prime cost of books, and the profits they yield, and are calculated, if left uncorrected, to greatly prejudice the people at large against publishers, and possibly seriously injure their business; therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed to consider the nature and foundation of these charges, and to prepare and publish for general circulation by the Board and its members a fair and candid reply to the same, clearly setting forth the objects of the Board of Trade organization and the advantages rather than injury it is calculated to yield to the consumer as well as the producer of school books.

Resolved, That the Committee on Reorganization, appointed to report April 30th, consider what reduction, if any, has taken place in the cost of material and labor involved in manufacturing books since the present tariff of prices was fixed, and whether or not any reduction upon existing rates be practicable; also the wisdom and necessity of a revision and reduction of rates of discount to the trade.

Mr. Taintor moved as an amendment:

Resolved, That the Committee on Reorganization, appointed to report April 30th, be requested further to consider the advisability of adopting the plan of establishing net wholesale or "dozen" prices as a basis of regulating introductory prices and jobbing discounts, instead of the present rule of fixing the retail prices, and by publishing the extreme of retail and lowest wholesale prices, misleading the public to form exaggerated ideas of the profits of the publishing business.

Resolution, as amended, carried.

Chair appointed Messrs. Wilson, Ivison, J. Abner Harper, J. A. Appleton, and J. H. Butler, Jr., as the committee.

A general expression of opinion was had from several prominent members concerning the advantages and necessities of the Board. The opinion was unanimous that the organization had made the school-book publishing business pleasanter, more profitable to publishers, and more economical to consumers, and that the Board should be reorganized with such features as experience justifies.

Adjourned until special meeting, April 30.

HENRY HOLT, *Secretary.*

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Stationery and Fancy Goods.

THE months of February and March being the dullest part of the year, the dealers in stationery and fancy goods are quite content to arrange their stocks and prepare for the future without looking for immediate trade. We have been told on all sides that there is nothing doing, but it is questionable if such extremely dull times were anticipated. In fancy goods, it is true that nothing is expected this time of year, but in the line of stationery there should be orders from the country dealers, who are now preparing their stocks for the spring trade. Most of the wholesale houses have their travellers abroad already, which is somewhat early, and but few orders have been forwarded. It was thought that as the country dealers had allowed their stocks to run down during the past season by reason of the panic, they woul d be anxious to fill their shelves again earlier than usual; but this it would seem is not the case; orders are not coming as rapidly as anticipated, although there is no fear but that they will come in good time. The present uncertain condition of ourinational finances, and the present irresolute postion of Congress upon the question has a most distressing effect, as it leaves all branches of the trade in ignorance of the value either of their goods or their circulating medium. Whether the result will be inflation or contraction, it should be definitely decided; for until some decision is reached, trade suffers, and the bright anticipations that the spring business would compensate for the disasters of the fall, are likely to be disappointed. The fluctuations in the premium on gold have also a depressing effect, and until all these matters are arranged upon some solid and consistent basis, trade will scarcely become prosperous. So far no new styles of goods have been put upon the market, so that the fashions of the season cannot be even guessed at. The square, oddly-shaped note papers and long slim envelopes are yet supreme, though there is a growing fancy for legal styles. Fancy inks are still fashionable, violet being considered the best taste.

The trade in fancy goods is over for one season, and the next season has not yet opened. Some few sample lots of goods, however, have arrived for the summer and early fall trade, consisting mostly of fans and travellers' goods. In this line there is nothing strikingly new; the same travelling bags and sandwich boxes that prevailed many years ago are still extant, and it is doubtful if there ever will be any new styles. Morocco predominates over all other materials. In fans there may be had every possible style, from the small ordinary article that is at once elegant and serviceable, to the "latest agony," which is twenty inches in length, and spreads out like the tail of a peacock. These fans are made of every possible material, and some of them are decorated with flowers and figures in a very elaborate twenty, those of from fourteen to sixteen and manner. The sizes run from eight inches to eighteen inches being the most popular. The prices are from eight dollars to thirty-five dollars, the latter being bridal fans, ornamented with real lace. Perfumed woods are much used. A moderate quantity of these goods, is selling, but it is not expected that much business will be done until at least a month later.

Messrs, Cassell, Petter & Galpin, No. 596 Broadway, have now on hand a large stock of Joseph Hunt & Sons' celebrated playing cards. These cards are by far the finest upon the market, and their merits have always kept them in the first rank. New designs have recently been added, and now the sample book is well worthy of inspection. The new patterns are the work of some of the best designers of the day, and they would be difficult to improve upon. They consist of birds, flowers, shells, art subjects, portraits, and many other designs not usually employed in the decoration of cards. In their way they are novelties, and their quality and durability are fully equal to their beauty and elegance. These cards sell from ten dollars to fifteen dollars per dozen packs. The same house are the sole agents in the United States for Fourdrinier, Hunt & Co's. writing papers. These papers are of an excellent quality, and should command the attention of the trade generally. The newest styles are the "In memoriam mourning" papers and envelopes. These styles differ from other mourning papers inasmuch as instead of the ordinary heavy black band, the sheet is bordered with a black stripe which leaves a white margin on the edge. These stripes are of different patterns, broad, narrow, light, or heavy, according to taste. The envelopes match the paper, and in some instances have a small black cross upon the flap, in place of a seal or monogram.

In the line of fancy goods, Messrs. Cassell, Petter & Galpin have an assortment of handsome chromo crosses of new and beautiful designs. These crosses are probably the most artistic of the kind ever published. The same designs may be had in outline, with directions for coloring, so that they may be used as studies. The firm has also a full line of mathematical instruments, ranging in price from seventy-five cents to ten dollars, and color boxes from $1.25 to $10.

Willy Wallach, of No. 41 John street, shows a fine sample book of dinner cards, both for menu and plate. The designs are very elaborate, and in some instances quite novel.

Messrs. Bergan & Bainbridge, Beekman street, have just received a line of fine English papers, of different tints and sizes. This line of papers is called the "Alexandra," and has already become very popular. The house has already disposed of large quantities, and new orders are coming in daily. The papers are put up in elegant boxes, containing assorted tints, and sell at $12 per dozen net.

SAMUEL RAYNOR & CO., New York, the large envelope manufacturers, have issued a new trade price list, which should be sent for by every stationer, if it were but to use it as a reference list of all the varieties in the envelope line. This list embraces very nearly one thousand different kinds, and contains a large scale table which gives an accurate idea of every size and shape manufactured.

MESSRS. NOVELLO, EWER & CO. are doing good work in endeavoring to break down the old and absurd system of pricing music at twice, thrice, and even four times its actual selling value; all the music issued by the above-named house will therefore in future be marked at the "nett rate."

STATIONERY PRICE-CURRENT.

The following List, including only the most prominent articles, will be gradually completed according to the encouragement our endeavors—to represent the Stationery and accessory trades, as well as the Book-trade—may receive from the Manufacturers, Importers, and Wholesale Dealers in these particular branches. Suggestions are solicited from the Retail trade as well as from Wholesale Dealers.

The Price-Current will, until further notice, appear monthly, in the Stationery Number of the Publishers' Weekly (the third number of each month).

AUTOGRAPH ALBUMS.

No.		Doz.
1, Mor.,	8 x 5, gilt, 80 leaves	$12.000
2, "	" " " "	11.00
3, Muslin,	" " "	8 00
4, "	2⅞x 4 " 60 leaves	3.20
5, Mor.,	" " "	4.40
6, Mus.	3½x 5 " "	4.40
7, Mor.	" " "	6.40
8, Mus.	4½x 6⅞ " "	6.40
9, Mor.	" " "	8.80
10, "	" " "	8.00
11, Mus.	4⅞x 7 " 80 leaves	8.75
12, Mor.	" " "	12.00
13, "	" " "	11.20

BLOTTERS.

Dreka's Dictionary Blotter.

No.		Per Doz.
201;	size, 9 by 6; French morocco	$11.00
" 202;	" 10½ " 9; "	13.75
" 203;	" 13 " 9½; "	16.25
" 301;	" 9 " 6; English cloth	7.40
" 302;	" 10½ " 9; "	8.50
" 303;	" 13 " 9½; "	9.35
" 601;	" 9 " 6; fine Russia	32.75
" 602;	" 10½ " 9; "	47.25
" 603;	" 13 " 9½; "	63.75
" 801;	" 9 " 6; fine Calf	22.25
" 802;	" 10½ " 9; "	30.75
" 803;	" 13 " 9½; "	39.00

BILL HEAD CASES.

First Quality.

No.		
1,	Three Parts	$18.50
2,	" "	15.
3,	Two "	10.
4,	One "	8.

Second Quality.

One Part	$5.50
Two Parts	6.75
Three "	8.50

BOOK CLAMPS.

	Per Doz.
Holbrook's	$3.00
Watson's	3.00
Moore's	4.00

CARDS.

Playing Cards.

A. Dougherty's.

Nos.		
1.	Steamboats, assorted star and calico backs	$ 24.00
3.	No. 2 Highlanders, assorted star and calico backs	28.00
4.	Eurekas, assorted star and calico backs	31.00
9.	Decaturs, assorted star and calico backs	48.00
12.	Star Eagle, half linen, assorted star and calico backs	72.00
13.	Star Eagle, pure linen, assorted backs	168.00
26.	Star Eagle, pure linen, assorted backs, extra quality (squared)	168.00
6.	Great Mogul, fancy backs	40.00
33.	Eagle, American flag back, enamelled	54.00
23.	Decatur, fancy backs, enamelled	48.00
14.	Great Mogul, fancy backs, enamelled	54.00
35.	Great Mogul (Euchre), fancy backs, enamelled	54.00
36.	Great Mogul, Solo, fancy backs, enamelled	48.00
17.	Harry the Eighth, fancy backs, super-enamelled	72.00
30.	Eagle, fancy backs, extra enamelled, in gold	96.00
31.	Great Mogul, illuminated, backs, extra super-enamelled	84.00
34.	Great Mogul, illuminated faces, and backs in gold	130.00
38.	Great Mogul, cotton-plant backs and gold spots, extra super-enamelled	150.00
40	Convey Corners	96.00

Goodall's London Cards.

BEST QUALITY.

	Per doz		Per doz.
Geranium	$15.00	Mo ul, series, 400, 401	$15.00
Apple Blossom	15.00	Cherry Bloom	14.00
Canadian Arms	15.00	Japanese Figure	14 00
Tiger Lily	15.00	Hazel Nut	14.00
National	15.00	Mistletoe	14.00
Palace	15.00	109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116	$11 00
Holly	$14.00	Gold back	9.75
Butterfly	14.00	Florigated, Light	9.75
Mogul series 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313	14.00	Florigated, Dark	9.75
Fern	11.00	Floral	9.75
Shakespeare	11.00	Gold Star	9.75
City of London	11.00	Small Star	9.25
Moguls, series 204, 205, 206, 207, 208	11.00	Tinted Enamel, Blue, Green, Pink, Violet, and White	9.00
Moguls series, 107, 108,			

SECOND QUALITY.

	Per doz.		Per doz.
Moguls, series A, Dark and Light	$8.75	Florigated, Dark	$9.00
Moguls, series B Dark and Light	8.75	Gold Florigated	9.00
Florigated, Light	9.00	Gold Floral	9.00
		Floral	9.00

DOMESTICS.

	Per gross		Per gross.
Mount Vernons	$72.00	Virginias	$36.00
Golden Gates	54.00	Broadways	28.00
Columbias (Euchre packs)	48.00	Regattas, Bichromatics	24.00
Gen. Jacksons, No. 1.	40.00	Steamships, Bichromatics	22.00
Gen. Jacksons, Sporting	42.00		

Visiting Cards.

(51 Cards in Pack.)

	Per doz. packs.
XX Bristol, 1	$1.50
XX Bristol 2	1.60
XX Bristol, 2½	1.80
XX Bristol, 3	2.00
XX Bristol, 3½	2.12
XX Bristol, 4	2.25
Mill Bristol, 2½	1.00
Mill Bristol, 3	1.25
Mill Bristol, 3½	1.50

Wedding Cards.

Wedding Cards, square, per doz. packs	$2.75 to $10.00
Wedding Envelopes, square, per gross	1.90
Wedding Billets, per ream	4.50
Tying Wedding Cards, per 100	3.00

CRAYONS.

	Per gross.
Blackboard, Waltham, White	$ .15
Blackboard, Waltham, Assorted Colors	1.10
Steatite	1.00

ERASERS.

(Steel.)

Rodgers' 4 inch Cocoa	$3.75
" 5 " "	4.25
" 4 " Bone	4.25
" 5 " "	4.75
Superb, 4 " Cocoa	2.25
" 5 " "	2.50
" 4 " Bone	3.25
" 5 " "	3.50
" Knife Blade Cocoa	3.00
" " Bone	4.

FILES.

Ready Reference Files.

No.			Doz.
0,	cloth covered,	3 x 7	$1.05
1	"	3 x 8	1.15
2	"	3½x 8	1.32
3	"	4 x 9	1.63
4	"	4½x10½	1.90

U. S. Standard Bill Files.

No.		Doz.
170,	8½x 3	$2.40
303,	8½x 3½	2.80
404,	9 x 4	3.20

Bill Files.

No.		Doz.
1,	Bronze Vase, straight	$3.30
2	" with slide	3.60
3	" " hook	4.25
4	" canceller	4.50

GAMES.

Backgammon Boards.

Leather, 2 in nest, per nest	$2.75
Leather, 3 in nest, per nest	3.50
Leather, 2 in extra, per nest	$4.50 to 9.00
Morocco Paper, each	1.00 to 1.25

Checker-Men.

	Per doz.
Box-Wood	$1.75
Turned Wood	1.25

Chess-Men.

	Per doz.
Bone, German	$7.50 to $36.00
Wood, German	9.00 to 15.00
Stanton, German	18.00 to 36.00

Dominoes.

	Per doz.
Bone, ordinary quality, ebony back	$3.00 to $6.00
Bone, good quality, ebony back	6.00 to 12.00
Bone, Mahogany boxes	6.00 to 18.00

INKS AND FLUIDS.

Arnold's Writing Fluids.

	Per doz.
Quarts	$5.25
Pints	3.25
Half pints	1.75
4 oz	1.00
Cones	.60

Arnold's Copying Ink.

	Per doz.
Quarts	$10.00
Pints	5.50
Half pints	3.75

"B" Copying Ink.

	Per doz.
Quarts	$5.50
Pints	3.25

Carter's Combined Writing and Copying Ink.

	Per doz.
Quarts	$8.00
Pints	5.00
Half pints	3.00
4 oz	2.00
Cones	.75

Discount, 15 per cent.

David's Writing Inks.

	Per doz.
Black, Blue, and Violet, 2 oz. oct. stands	$ .75
" " " 4 oz. bottles	1.25
" " " 6 oz. bottles	1.50
" " " 8 oz. bottles	2.00
" " " pint bottles	3.50
" " " quart bottles	6.00
" " " half gallon jugs	12.00
" " " 1 gallon jugs	24.00
Carmine Ink, 1 oz., draped stands	2.00
" No. 1—1 oz., cork stopper	2.50
" No. 2—2 oz., cork stopper	3.50
" No. 1—1 oz., ground stopper	3.50
" No. 3—2 oz., "	5.00
" No. 4—4 oz., "	8.00
" No. 5—8 oz., "	15.00
" pints "	24.00
" quarts "	48.00

Discount, 20 per cent.

Copying Ink, 8 oz. stone bottles	3.00
" pint "	5.00
" quart "	9.00
Red Writing Ink, 1 oz. bottles	1.00
" " 2 oz. bottles	2.00
Writing Fluid, 2 oz. stone stands	1.00
" 8 oz. stone bottles	3.00
" pints	4.50
" quarts	8.00
" half gallon stone jugs	15.00
" 1 gallon stone jugs	30.00

Indelible Ink, etc.

	Per doz.
Brigg's Indelible Ink	$2.25
Brigg's Glass Marking Pen	2.25
Clark's Indelible Pencil	2.00
Payson's Indelible Ink	2.25
Payson's Combination (Ink and Pen)	5.00

Stephen's Fluid and Copying.

	Per doz.
Blue-Black Writing Fluid, quarts	$5.25
" " pints	3.25
" " half pints	1.75
" Copying Fluid, quarts	10.00
" " pints	5.50
" " half pints	3.25

Veuve Adrien Maurin et G. Toiray, Inks.

La Syrienne Violet Black Copying, quarts	$9.00
" " " " " " pints	6.00
La Persane Jet Black Writing Fluid, quarts	9.00
" " " " " " pints	6.00

INK STANDS.

	Per doz.
Flat Glass Inks, 2½ in	$1.00
" " 3 in	1.25
" " 3½ in	1.50
" " 4 in	1.50
" " 4½ in	2.25
" " 5 in	1.[illegible]
" " 5½ in	3.[illegible]
" " 6 in	3.[illegible]
Cocoa Pocket Inks, No. 2	1.[illegible]
" " No. 3	1.[illegible]
Silliman's School, No. 1	1.[illegible]
" No. 2	1.[illegible]
" No. 3	1.[illegible]
Silliman's Academic	4.[illegible]
" Mechanic	2.[illegible]
Common Sense, No. 1	12.[illegible]
" No. 2	6.[illegible]
" No. 3	4.[illegible]
The "Magic" Inkstand	15.[illegible]
Barometer, with rack	$25.[illegible]
" without "	15.[illegible]
Irving, with "	12.[illegible]
" without "	10.[illegible]

Ground Glass Stoppered.

	No.	In.	
Round,	308,	1	$2.[illegible]
"	"	2	3.[illegible]
"	"	2	3.[illegible]
"	"	2½	4.[illegible]
"	"	3	5.[illegible]
"	"	3½	7.[illegible]
"	"	4	8.[illegible]
"	"	4½	11.[illegible]
Sq. Cut Inks.		1	6.[illegible]
"	"	2	5.[illegible]
"	"	3	4.[illegible]
"	"	4	4.[illegible]

MUCILAGE.

	Per doz.
David's, No. 1—8 oz	$5.[illegible]
" No. 2—3 oz	2.[illegible]
" No. 3—3 oz	1.[illegible]
" Bill Sticker, 3	1.[illegible]
" pints	6.[illegible]
" quarts	11.[illegible]
" gallon jugs	42.[illegible]

Discount, 20 per cent.

PAPER.

Blotting Paper.

	Per ream
White or Colored, 60 lbs	$1.[illegible]
" 80 lbs	2.[illegible]
" 100 lbs	2.[illegible]
" 120 lbs	3.[illegible]
White, in pads, per dozen packages	75 c. to [illegible]

Drawing Papers.

German.

	Per quire
Cap, 14x17	[illegible]
Demy, 15x20	[illegible]
Medium, 17x22	[illegible]
Royal, 19x24	[illegible]

Whatman's.

	Per quire
Cap, 14x17	[illegible]
Demy, 15x20	[illegible]
Medium, 18x23	[illegible]
Royal, 19x24	[illegible]
Super Royal, 19x27	[illegible]
Elephant, 23x28	[illegible]
Imperial, 22x30	[illegible]

Bristol Boards.

Reynold's.

	Per doz.
Cap, 12½x15¼—2 sheet	$ .50
" " 3 "	.75
" " 4 "	1.00
Demy, 14½x18½—2 sheet	.85
" " —3 "	1.25
" " —4 "	1.65
Medium, 16½x20 —2 sheet	1.10
" " —3 "	1.75
" " —4 "	2.25
Royal, 18½x22½—2 sheet	1.50
" " —3 "	2.25
" " —4 "	3.00

Tissue Papers.

American White	Per rm.,	2.00
" Asst'd Colors	"	2.50
English White	"	2.50
" Asst'd Colors	"	4.50

Gold and Silver Paper.

Skin, 15 x 19	Per quire, $1.50
Embossed, "	" 2.00

Writing Papers.

First Class.

Letters and Caps, 8, 10. 12, and 14 lbs. to ream.
Per lb., .30 to .35

Legal and Bill Caps, 10, 12, 14, and 16 lbs. to ream.
Per lb .31 to .36

Commercial Notes. 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 lbs. to ream.
Per lb., .32 to .37½

Envelopes Notes, 4 and 5 lbs. .35 to .40
" " 3 1-2 lbs. .35 to .40

Second Class.

Letters and Caps. Per lb., .27 to .28
Legal and Bill Caps .28 to .30
Commercial Notes .26 to .30
Envelopes and Billet Notes .30 to .35

French Note Papers.

			Ream.
Cap and Quadrille,	8 kilo.	Com'l	$2.00
"	8 "	Octavo	1.75
"	10 "	Com'l	2.50
"	10 "	Octavo	2.25
Fancy Patterns.	10 "	Com'l	2.75
"	10 "	Octavo	2.50
Onion Skin, ruled			1.75

PAPER FASTENERS.

McGill's.

	Per 1000.
No. 1, 1-4 inch	$2.50
" 2, 1-2 "	2.50
" 3, 3-4 "	2.75
" 4, 1 "	3.50
" 5, 1 1-4 "	5.00
" 6, 1 1-2 "	6.00

Swartwout's.

	Per gro.
No.	$1.00
"	1.50
"	2.00
"	2.75

PAPER FOLDERS.

(*Ivory.*)

	Per Doz.
Standard, 5 inch	$1.00
" 6 "	1.50
" 7 "	2.50
" 8 "	3.25
" 9 "	4.00
" 10 "	4.75
Extra, 6 "	4.25
" 7 "	4.85
" 8 "	5.55
" 9 "	6.25
" 10 "	7.00
" 10 " Heavy	10.00
" 10 " Extra heavy	14.00

PARLOR KALEIDOSCOPES.

Best	$33.00

PENCILS.

Lead Pencils.

American Pencil Co.

	Per gro.
Round Gilt	$5.00
Hexagon "	6.75

Dixon's American Graphite Pencils.

	Per gro.
Round Gilt	$4.50
Hexagon "	6.00
Round Gilt, rubber heads	6.50
Hexagon " "	8.00

Eagle Pencil Co.

	Per gro., Gold.
Black Round Gilt	$4.25
Hexagon "	5.75
Office Round, rubber inserted	5.00
" Hexagon "	6.00

A. W. Faber's.

	Per gro., Gold.
Round Gilt	$4.80
Hexagon "	6.60
Tabet R. C	3.75
" Hex	5.50
Siberian	10.00

	Per doz.
English Drawing, 7 in. wooden box	$5.40
" 5 " "	4.50
" 5 " " knife and rubber	8.25

PENCIL SHARPENERS.

	Per Doz.
Eureka	.75
Excelsior	.75
Darling's	.90

PENS AND PEN HOLDERS.

Steel Pens

	Per gro.
Gillott's, No. 303	$1.00
" " 404	.55
" " 351	.60
" " 170	.75
Washington Medallion	1.00
Spencerian, No. 1	1.00
" " (Qr. gross boxes)	1.10
Esterbrook's Bank, No. 14	.55
" Reservoir " 22	.55
" Falcon " 048	.55
" Extra Fine " 333	.60
" School " 444	.45

Quill Pens

	Doz. bx.
Italian, 25 in a box	$2.75
Portable "	3.25
Large "	4.50
Office "	5.75
Congress "	10.50

Pen Holders.

	Per gro.
Accommodation, fluted	.40 to .50
" " swell	1.00
French tip	3.00
Tin holders	2.50 to 10.00
Bone holders, per doz	.50 to 2.00
One gross assorted, in box	3.50
One-half gross assorted, in box	1.75

POST OFFICE BOXES.

First Quality.

	Doz.
One Part	$9.00
Two Parts	12.00
Three "	15.00

Second Quality.

One Part	$5.50
Two Parts	6.75
Three "	9.50

RUBBERS.

Stationers' Rubber, 20, 30, 40, 60, 80 pieces to lb., per lb	$ .60
Rubber Heads, for pencils, per gross	2.00
Rubber Bands, ¼ in., per gross	.80 and 1.00
Rubber Bands, ½ in., per gross	1.60 and 2.00

SCHOLAR'S COMPANIONS.

	Per Doz.
Tin, furnished	$2.00

SLATES AND SLATE PENCILS.

"D" Slates.

Sizes.	Prices per doz.	Doz. in cs.	Price per cs.
4 x 6	$1.30	24	$31.20
5 x 7	1.50	18	27.00
6 x 9	2.10	12	25.20

Sizes.	Prices per doz.	Doz in cs.	Price per cs.
6 x10	2.20	12	$26.40
7 x11	2.40	10	24.00
8 x12	2.90	8	28.20
9 x13	3.50	6	21.00
9½ x14	4.80	5	24.00

CONTENTS OF ASSORTED CASES.

Sizes.	5x7	6x9	6½ x10	7x11	8x12	9x13	Per cs.
No. 1	1½	2	2	3	3	0 doz.	$28.00
No. 2	3	2	2	2		⅛ doz.	22.40

Discount 60 and 10 per cent.

Eureka Noiseless Slates.

Sizes.	Prices per doz.	Doz. in cs.	Price per cs.
6x 9	$3.60	12	$43.20
7x11	4.20	10	42.00
8x12	4.50	8	36.00

CONTENTS OF ASSORTED CASES.

Sizes	6x9	7x11	8x12	Doz.	Per cs.
Cases	3⅓	3	2⅓	9	$36.45

Discount 50 per cent.

Slate Pencils.

AMERICAN SOAP STONE.

	Per 1,000.
4 inch, in boxes, in cases of 10,000	$3.50
5 " " "	4.50
6 " " "	5.00

GERMAN.

6 inch	$1.60
7 "	1.85

Steatite.

4 inch	$3.50
5 "	4.50
6 "	5.00

Silicate Book Slates.

FOR SLATE PENCIL.

	Per doz.
Pocket, Interleaved, with Calendar, 3¾x5⅝ in	$1.80
Companion, Interleaved, gilt title "	2.52
Quartz, 2 surfaces, 5x8⅛ in	2.16
Silica, Interleaved, 6 surfaces, 5x8¾ in	3 60
Mineral, Interleaved, 6 surfaces, 7x11 in	7.20

FOR LEAD PENCIL.

	Per doz.
Daily memoranda Interleaved, gilt, x3¾ in	$1.80
Calendar, 5 surfaces, " 3x5 in	2.16
Every Day, gilt, title, " 3x5 in	2.52
Minute, gilt title, 10 surfaces, extra, 3x5 in	3.60
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THERE is a return to wholesome simplicity in the day entertainments given this winter. Kettle-drums, Russian teas, and informal receptions are the order of the afternoon, seven of these having been noted on the same day on one block on Fifth Avenue. At these entertainments the guests wear street costume or go in full dress, as best suits them and the simple refreshment is tea poured by the ladies of the family in the presence of the guests, in English fashion. The Russian tea has a slice of lemon added, wafers and other delicate cakes are offered, and sometimes chocolate is served. The table is conspicuously placed, and there is a display of handsome silver, old china, and fine napery.

The invitations to these unceremonious parties are on cards instead of note sheets. For instance, for kettle-drums or afternoon teas, the hostess sends her visiting card. with merely the words "Tea at five o'clock" written or engraved in the left-hand corner; her address is in the right-hand corner. For other afternoon receptions (where tea is not the special object) cards are also used, with merely the day and "From three until six o'clock" in the left corner. For ceremonious dinners a note sheet is preferred, and is folded once across the middle, to fit a square envelope. A simple formula is engraved upon this, requesting the pleasure of your company at dinner, giving the hour (usually six o'clock), date, and residence, and leaving blank spaces for the guest's name and for the day of the dinner. "R. S. V. P." is invariably seen on dinner invitations. For the large and ceremonious evening receptions, which are *not* numerous this winter, a note sheet is used, with a formula similar to that quoted for dinners, merely changing the hour, which is now often set down "at eight o'clock," though few guests observe this punctually. The word "German" or "Dancing" is sometimes added. Informal evening receptions are very frequent this winter; the invitation is usually a card, with "Tuesday evenings," for instance, written in the left-hand corner. These weekly receptions continue even through Lent.

The square and the oblong envelopes are the extremes of fashion for inclosing wedding invitations. For weddings at home, to which all the guests are invited, a square note sheet is used without cards, and the entire invitation, including the parents', bride's, and groom's names, date and hour of wedding, with number of residence, is done on this page in lightly shaded script. For home weddings, "Request the pleasure of your company" is used; while for church wedding invitations, "Request your presence" is preferred. For announcing marriages, instead of separate cards a nearly square note is now used, with both names and date of the marriage upon it. The words "At

home" are still used for day receptions, though seldom for evening.

Visiting-cards are of fine Bristol-board of medium weight—not of the thinnest quality—and are of different sizes. Gentlemen use the smallest cards, young unmarried ladies use the next larger size, while still larger cards are for married ladies; the fourth and largest size is used for mother and daughter together, or for husband and wife. The engraving is done in very delicate script; the address is on the right hand below, and the day of the week set apart for receptions is in the left corner—which is the reverse of the English fashion. Old English text and fanciful capital letters are out of style, and only done to order. To turn down one corner of a card denotes a call in person, and is the only mutilation of the card now practiced by people of fashion. The custom of engraving words on the reverse side of the card, to be turned down in view, and explain the nature of the visit, does not prevail here, as, obviously, the receiver of the visit will know what is intended We quote these words, however, to satisfy correspondents. On the upper left-hand corner *Visite* is written and turned down, to signify that an ordinary call is made; for a visit of congratulation, *Félicitation* appears on the opposite upper corner; *Congé* in the lower left-hand corner denotes a parting call; and *Condoléance*, in the remaining corner, explains itself. Of all these, the word *congé* alone is of much service.

White heavy English paper is the most fashionable stationery, though some tinted paper is always used. Repped paper, corded like faille, is the choicest design, and next this is the royal Irish linen paper, made of cuttings of linen from the Irish factories. The letter sheet is of octavo size, folded once across—a novel fancy that makes it fit the large square envelope. The price is 70 cents a quire, with envelopes. Instead of heavy illuminated monograms there are more light line monograms and ciphers. On tinted paper the letters are of a darker shade.

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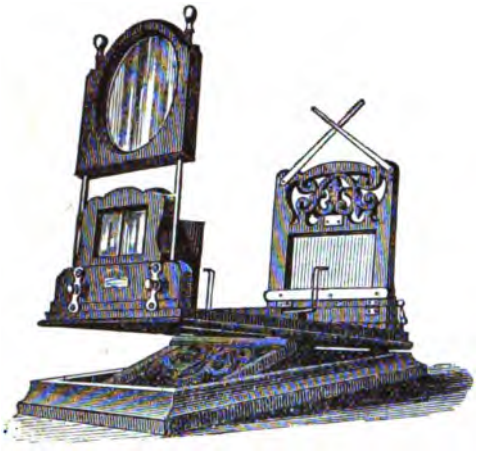

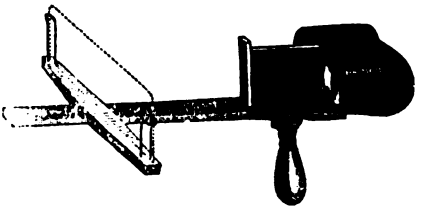

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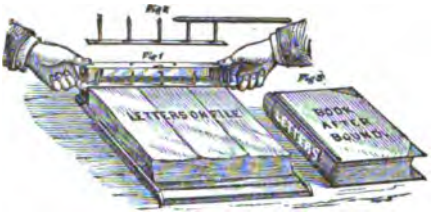

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The Present Outlook.

Our readers have by this time acquainted themselves with the work and recommendations of the Convention, have noted the receptive attitude in which the Publishers' Board of Trade has placed itself, and have, we trust, become thoroughly assured of the agreement of almost the entire trade in the need of reform. The first step has been taken in the good work, and the next step, we hope, will be a stride. This next step depends largely on the reception accorded by Eastern publishers to the suggestions of the Convention platform when brought before them officially by Mr. Aston, who may be expected early in March. We believe that no possible exception can be taken to the tone of their suggestions; the only question is as to the wisdom of their measures of remedy.

And now, at the outset, we want to bring it clearly before publishers that they are interested, much more than any retailer can be, in getting the trade into good condition again. And the largest houses are the most interested of all. The great jobbers are scarcely making a living by their jobbing business, and the publishers are earning none too much for the brains, money, and responsibility they must put into their business. Now, in publishing, every volume sold, after the first editions have paid for the plates, is sold at a multiplied profit; the later thousands pay several times more profit than the earlier. Therefore, when you extend your market and increase your sales, your profit increases in a much greater ratio. But to increase sales permanently you must have a great army of capable salesmen pushing out and permanently locating themselves wherever opportunity offers in this wide country, as well as building up the established business of the older places. Proper increase of sales, in a word, demands the best and widest distribution system, and this you can't have unless retailing is made to pay; and now it don't pay. It is unnecessary to enter into an argument with the jobbers; we have only to request them to turn their pockets inside out, and gaze on the vacancy. Not only are their sales less in quantity than they should be, but their cut-throat rivalry prevents them from making anything on what they do sell.

Underselling being the one word, then, that defines the difficulty, we are constrained to believe that the Convention did wisely in suggesting the abolition of the trade sales as the first step. We have investigated this matter with thoroughness—and indeed requested from the Messrs. Leavitt their views of the usefulness of their sales, though without result—and we have found the trade almost unanimously opposed to them, and we have come to believe that the trade is right. It is pleasant to have the trade meeting together, but they had best meet on another basis.

The results of these sales demoralize prices with the public, because buyers return to placard and advertise great bargains of new books from trade sales at half publishers' prices. This has come to such a pass that even Nassau street is disgusted, and one of its prominent dealers, among the largest buyers at the trade sales, told us he would pay money out of his pocket to have them stopped, and would never go to them again, except that people right across the street would otherwise undersell him "all to pieces." One second-hand house is content to build up a tremendous business by selling at only five per cent. profit from lowest trade sale prices, and this acts directly upon every other retailer in New York. The retailer does not profit by these sales, because it doesn't pay him to get

"bargains," when he has to give all the benefit away in discounts. And he is often betrayed into "bargains" that lock up a good part of his capital, to the harm alike of himself and the publishers, and it is questionable whether, considering his travelling and hotel bills, and outlay of time, he gets the books that he does want so very much cheaper. Of course they interfere with the jobbing business, but they are simply an objectionable way of jobbing. As to the publisher, the contribution to trade sale for any other reason than that all the rest do, or in mere complaisance, is a confession of financial weakness, and the needed money might be raised much more profitably through other channels. For the publisher, counting the ten per cent. commission and the catalogue charges, gets a very low price for his new books, and loses the full profits he would otherwise get on these very copies, which, as new books, booksellers would order any way. How true this is was shown by the "Common Sense in the Household" transaction. "Dead stock" is best got rid of at the ordinary auction sales, the second-hand bookstore, or the paper mill, for the publisher can make no greater mistake than by inveigling the retailer into buying what he can't sell, and thus preventing him turning over his capital and sending frequent orders during the year. The only possible usefulness of these sales, then, is in quickening the sale of half-alive books, and we submit that it would be much better to create the demand for these from the public, by advertising, and thus cause the bookseller to buy them. The abolition of the trade sale is therefore the first step towards the abolition of underselling.

We have before argued at length the reduction of prices, and indeed there are scarcely two opinions in the trade on this subject, so that it is necessary just now only to treat of discounts. In this matter we believe the Convention's utterances are mainly sound, but we do not think quite so much can be achieved. A third for the jobber and twenty-five for the retailer seem the best discounts that can be suggested, because they are large enough to give a fair profit of twelve per cent. on his capital to the former and a third to the latter, and not so large as to tempt to cutting under. But it is not probable that library and school discounts and professional reductions can at present be entirely done away with. Nevertheless the retailer should have a good margin on either class, so that he may afford to keep even this local trade. This margin should be at least ten per cent. We therefore suggest, as fairly meeting the views of both sides, that discounts to library and school committees, who are *bona fide* wholesale buyers, should never be greater than fifteen per cent., and professional discounts to individuals, whether teachers, editors, or others, than ten per cent. Under the reduced scale of discounts this fifteen per cent. would be about the same as the twenty-five limit proposed under the present system by the Board of Trade, and would give the retailer some chance in this field too. The adoption of a strict scale of this sort, one-third to jobbers, twenty-five to retailers, not more than fifteen to wholesale outside buyers, and not more than ten to professionals, would secure a great part of the reform.

The question of books by mail we view with comparative indifference. The publisher undoubtedly is wise in the long run in throwing the local trade into local hands, but he must also prepare the way for booksellers by cultivating small places beyond bookselling facilities. Where there is a well stocked bookseller, we do not believe buyers will order by mail when discounts are reformed; but the trade is down, and needs helping up, and perhaps a nominal fee might be temporarily useful. The following seems to us a satisfactory "mailing notice": "For sale by all booksellers, or sent by mail on receipt of retail price and five cents additional for postage."

We ask the hearty support of publishers, in their own interest, for these measures, when Mr. Aston comes East. He is to present a separate agreement on each of these points for signature. It is suggested that a list of the dozen or score of most important houses be made, and that the agreement be binding on all signers when three-fourths of these houses assent. This seems to us an excellent plan, and if the publishers do not enter heartily into it, they will lose the best chance they have ever had to make their business what it should be. We believe the retail trade is becoming sufficiently awake and united to support publishers who enter into this reform, and make it pay them well, so that all will find it to their interests to become parties to it —but of this more hereafter.

The Publishers' Board of Trade, as the Convention gratefully acknowledged, has already done good work, and we should be glad to see its scope extended to include all miscellaneous as well as school-book publishers. We most earnestly hope, therefore, for its successful reorganization. The employment of travelling agents seems to be the one subject of discussion in its procedure. Certainly there would be no objection to this usual method of pushing business were it not that the system has been so abused and led to such demoralization. To correct the abuse it is worth while, we think, to give up the system—so serious had that abuse become. Under a uniform scale of discounts, and without travellers, books would stand more nearly on their practical, intrinsic merits, and the best houses would rightly, having as a rule the best books, stand the best chance. There would be no difficulty but that improvements would be quickly appreciated under any circumstances, and enterprising houses get the full benefit of their enterprise, at much less expense.

We wish finally to impress upon the largest houses, the leaders of the trade, that it is they who most need, who can best afford, and who should be the leaders in these reforms. The Appletons and Lippincotts, because of their immense jobbing business, are most interested in the abolition of cut-throat discounts; and the Harpers, as widest and best known, can best afford to dispense with travelling agents—provided the rest do. The only result of rivalry pushed too far is that trade finally settles down as it was before, but nobody makes money. Nor would the present distribution of trade be perceptibly altered by a reform which should sweep away both underselling and the introduction system. It is safe for everybody to enter into this reform; it is not wise for anybody to refuse.

It is time that one of our most welcome exchanges, the *Paper Trade Journal*, which insists upon the statement that it is "the only representative of the stationery interest in America," be gently reminded of the existence of two well-established papers, the *American Booksellers' Guide* and the Publishers' Weekly, which, perhaps in an inferior manner, nevertheless have represented the stationery interests long before the *Paper Trade Journal* was in existence. Said two papers, moreover, though chiefly devoted to bookmaking, as the *Paper Trade Journal* to papermaking, may honestly claim a fair standing with the purchasing and retail stationery trade, which, as every one knows, is, to a large extent, in the hands of the booktrade. It is true it might hardly pay to advertise in either journal, say "paper makers' supplies," since neither is specially bent on paper mills (as the *Paper Trade Journal* and its other looked-down-upon though senior contemporary, the *Paper Trade Reporter*); for both, the former of course, are *exclusively* "representative" of the book and stationery trade of America.

As for editorship, we cheerfully acknowledge the superiority of the *Paper Trade Journal*. It might indeed be called perfect but for its chronic lack of—let us charitably call it—"memory." With this exception, we sincerely pronounce it a model of a class journal, and recommend it to the consideration of those who don't know it.

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BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Iliad of Homer, rendered into English blank verse by Edward Earl of Derby. (Porter & Coates.) This is the fifth revised edition of "Derby's Homer," a work well and favorably known to the trade. It is complete in two volumes, and is very handsomely gotten up, with numerous illustrations by Flaxman. It also contains a biographical sketch of Lord Derby, by R. Shelton Mackenzie. Also very tastefully bound. 12mo, cloth, 2 vols.

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Jupiter's Daughters. A Novel, by Mrs. C. Jenkin. (Henry Holt & Co.) Mrs. Jenkin is best known by her first novel, "Who Breaks Pays." This is written with a good deal of her old brightness, and deals with events of the last few years, thought its title has a classical flavor. It is only on the last page we receive anything like an explanation of the title, and then we are told that the ancients had a proverb to the effect that "Prayers are the Daughters of Jupiter." The application of the saying we leave to the reader, having for ourselves modestly given it up. The chief scenes of the novel are the little French town of St. Gloi and Paris during the siege. The heroine is a victim of that peculiarly French institution, a *mariage de convenance*. Her unhappy fate is designed to point a moral. 12mo, cloth, $1.25.

The "Lord Lytton Edition" of Bulwer's works, publishing by J. B. Lippincott & Co., is being rapidly completed. "Pelham" and "A Strange Story" have been just issued. Bulwer's rank as a novelist is too well established to need any praise of ours to recommend him to readers. We therefore merely speak of the edition, which is a most excellent one. 12mo, cloth, $1.50 per vol.

It is probable that M. Michelet had completed his great "History of the 19th Century" just before his death.

LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

THE publication of *The American Law Times and Reports*, interrupted for some months last year, has been resumed, and the first number of Volume I., new series, dated January, 1874, has just appeared from the Riverside Press.

WE learn from *Every Saturday* that Hurd & Houghton, the Riverside Press, will commence the issue in April of the second series of "The Butterflies of North America," with colored plates. The work will be issued, like the previous volume, in ten parts, which will contain five plates each and appear quarterly. As the plates are colored by hand, the process is necessarily slow. This second volume will not be so strictly confined to the description and delineation of new specimens as was the first. Illustrations are given of the successive steps by which, from the egg through many curious larval phases, the chrysalis and butterfly are reached. With the last part a revised synopsis of species will be given. Subscriptions will be received for the series at the rate of $2.50 per part.

A LIFE OF CHRIST, by Rev. F. W. Farrar, D.D., Master of Marlborough College, and chaplain in ordinary to the Queen, will be published soon, in two volumes, by Messrs. Cassell, Petter & Galpin. Mr. Holman Hunt has contributed an original illustration to each volume.

FOLLOWING a "History of Germany," by Mrs. Jas. Sime, in Mr. Freeman's historical course for schools, published here by Holt & Co., will be a "History of America," by Mr. J. A. Doyle, Fellow of All Souls', Oxford. Mr. Doyle took the Arnold Prize at Oxford for an essay "On the English Colonies of America before the War of Independence."

MESSRS. FINLEY & CO., of No. 4 Cedar street, announce for the early part of March, "Finley's Consolidated Business Directory of the Four Great Cities, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, for 1874-5." It will contain the names of all importers, jobbers, wholesalers, and manufacturers in those cities, classified according to business and arranged alphabetically. The subscription price of the volume is $2.

MR. MATTHEWS' "Getting on in the World", has run through its tenth thousand during its first year, and its publishers, S. C. Griggs & Co., expect it to sell well for years to come. A volume of Essays has been promised them by the same author. Messrs. Griggs have also in preparation "The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit," by Rev. J. B. Walker, and have received copy for a work on the doctrine of the Trinity from Rev. F. H. Burris, a Methodist minister in Kansas. A volume of sketches, by B. F. Taylor, for which illustrations are being prepared, is likewise forthcoming.

THE National Temperance Convention calls for an exhaustive essay on the scientific aspects of the temperance principle, offering, as inducement to competition, a prize of $500 for the best essay, and of $300 for the next in merit—the accepted papers to become the property of the National Temperance Society. Mr. A. M. Powell, 58 Reade Street, has the matter especially in charge, and will receive manuscripts until Jan. 1, 1875. An appeal is made to the friends of the cause for money to procure the writing of other essays covering the "historical, statistical, economical, and political," and the "social, educational, and religious" features of the question.

WE learn that Lee & Shepard are to publish a novel by F. H. Underwood, A.M., whose handbooks of American and British Authors are deservedly very popular. Mr. Underwood is known by his "Cloud Pictures," published some two years since. L. & S. also print for gratuitous distribution among teachers and others an essay on English literature by the same author.

"THE Seven Gray Pilgrims: A Personal Romance by a Subaltern" is the curious title of a book, presumably by an American of Irish descent, which discusses the questions connected with Irish life and recent history, especially as regards landlordism. It has about it an air of a real narrative disguised with fictitious names, and inquires suggestively into the causes of Irish poverty. A. Williams & : will publish it soon.

"SQUARING the circle" has been supposed an impossibility, but the author of a book nearly ready at the Wileys' claims to give a formula that accomplishes this. "The Quadrature of the Circle," is by the late John A. Parker, a well-known business man, and the volume includes other scientific essays as well.

WE have the prospectus of "The Book Exchange" and *Weekly Book Bulletin*, issued by John B. Alden, manager, McCormick Block Chicago. The latter is to be a popular book periodical, at $1 a year; the former is an agency for the exchange or sale of second-hand books, so that one may clear out those books which he no longer wishes to keep and get for them books which he does wish A fee of ten cents is to be charged on each volume sold or exchanged.

IT is stated that a work on Germany, by Queen Victoria, is nearly ready for private publication, in elaborately illustrated form.

WE learn from a London exchange that the series of papers which have recently appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* on the Church of England, the Church of Scotland, the Church of Rome, Methodism, and Congregationalism is in course of publication in a collective form by Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton. All the papers have been written under the sanction of the various denominations, those on the Church of England and the Church of Rome having been approved by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop Manning respectively.

Every Saturday asks: "Where is the biography of Beethoven, by A. W. Thayer, which has from time to time been announced? One volume has been published in Germany, we believe, but has Mr. Thayer become so Germanized that he cannot translate into his native tongue his own work?"

THE *Humorist*, "a humorous and democratic journal," is a new monthly, edited by O. H. Rothacker, and published by the Humorist Publishing Company, 33 Park Row, N. Y., at $1.00 per annum, or 10 cents per No.

Belles and Beaux is a new sprightly paper for the home and fireside, published at 98 William street.

MR. THOMAS BALCH, author of "Les Français en Amérique," is preparing an English version which will be not a mere translation, but a recast of the work, eliminating that which is elementary to American readers, and adding, on the other hand, much new matter. The book covers the part taken by the French in our Revolutionary War, and the new portion will comprise the history of the regiments, and biographical notices of officers of the army and navy and of the French volunteers who served in America. It is curious as having been first written by an American in

French for French readers. *Every Saturday* says: "A case parallel in a measure was Mr. William Beach Lawrence's 'Etude de la Législation comparée sur le Mariage,' first published as an article in *Le Droit International*, and afterwards separately at Ghent in 1870. Governor Lawrence has had it translated, and intends to read it soon as lectures in Columbian College, Washington, of which he is professor. It will be remembered also that Beckford's 'Vathek' was written by the author in French, and translated into English by some other hand."

"FRENCH Literature: from the Formation of the French Language to Our Days," a work which has reached its fourth edition in France, is a collection of about 3,000 pages of elegant extracts from the best writers of France from the ninth to the nineteenth centuries. Many French schools have adopted the volume as the best "reader" possible, at once imparting more rudimentary knowledge and cultivating a high taste. It is admirably fitted for a similar use in foreign schools where French is taught; while at the same time it is most acceptable to mature minds.

THERE is probably no other living author in this country whose works show so large an average circulation and sale as those of Dr. J. G Holland, now even better known by his own name than under his famous *sobriquet* of "Timothy Titcomb." The house of Scribner, with which he is now so intimately associated as editor of the *Magazine*, has always been his publishers, and a recent accounting shows that up to the date it had sold no less than 330,000 copies of his books. "Kathrina" leads with 74,663 copies, "Bitter Sweet" follows with 54,614 copies, and "Timothy Titcomb's Letters to Young People" with 54,614 copies. As "Kathrina" was published only so long ago as 1867, its sale shows an average of over 10,000 copies per year, and it may confidently be expected that it will not stop short of 100,000 copies. This is a triumph alike for the author and his publishers.

THE English export of printed books during 1873 was £912,534, a considerable increase on 1872.

THE Trustees of the British Museum have consented to resign their patronage into the hands of the government. The staff of the Museum includes about four hundred persons, of all grades.

THE Saxe Holm mystery becomes more complicated with every essay towards its solution. It appears now that the publishing firm even are not certified in the matter, although they had supposed that the lady with whom the business arrangements were made was the author of the brilliant stories; but it is probable that the case is another of collaboration in authorship, and it is more than suspected that Mrs. Helen Hunt, Mrs. Runkle, and Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge, each had a share in the work. This literary mystery, says the *Evening Mail*, recalls that of the *Lorgnette*, the statistical *Spectator*, issued in weekly numbers in New York in 1850, and afterward acknowledged by Mr. Donald G. Mitchell, the then literary lion of the day. Darley put some of his best work into that, and the cut of the mephistophelian individual peering through his opera glass at the reader from his opera box was wickedly capital. The text also is too clever to be lost, and as the book is out of print, it might profitably be reissued.

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NOTES IN SEASON.

MR. TILTON S "Tempest-Tossed" has elicited thirteen proposals for publication in book form, the offer of Sheldon & Co., who issued his "Sexton's Tale, and other Poems," and a little book by him published anonymously, carrying off the prize.

AN important little volume by Dr. Chas. Hodge, of Princeton, giving a popular answer to the question, "What is Darwinism?" may be expected this month from the Scribners, who will also have ready the fourth volume of Curtius' "History of Greece," Christlieb's greater work on modern skepticism, and that part of the Speaker's Commentary bearing on the current series of Sunday-school lessons. The new Erckmann-Chatrian story, "The College Life of Maitre Nablot," now printing in *Every Saturday*, will be added to their previous reprints of these popular authors when completed.

DR. CLARKE finds a third antagonist in a Philadelphia lady of decided views, and it is said considerable literary ability, Mrs. E. B. Duffey. Her book, which is nearly ready at Stoddarts', Philadelphia, is entitled "No Sex in Education," and professes to be a complete refutation of Dr. Clarke's essay. As books of a controversial character usually excite great general interest—as was the case in the philological controversy of Dean Alford and Prof. Moon—we look for considerable popularity in these anti-Clarke polemics. The same house is to have a new temperance story by T. S. Arthur, dealing with the woman's crusade.

THE public will await with curious interest a volume announced by E. J. Hale & Son: "Down the Mississippi River; or, Practical Lessons under the Code Duello." The book will contain twelve full-page illustrations by H. L. Stephens, and an appendix comprising the American (Wilson's), the French, and the Irish duelling codes.

THE letters of Lord Macaulay, lately brought to light for publication, and now being published in England in seven monthly sixpenny parts, will be immediately reprinted here by Hurd & Houghton, uniform with their excellent complete editions of his works.

ROBERTS BROS. are to issue shortly, in book form, Mr. Perkins' literary novel of "Scrope; or, The Lost Library," whose kaleidoscopic pictures of life in New York, including a book auction, Gowan's store, a subscription publisher, etc., ought to make it of personal interest to the trade as well as of general interest to the public.

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A VOLUME of "Westminster Sermons," very strong, by Canon Kingsley, just received at Macmillan's, ought to be well received just now. Some other books of great interest are just received by the American branch: a beautiful little edition of Sophocles, the Greek text of the plays; The Icelandic-English Dictionary, of much importance to students of English for the near relationship of that language to the Anglo-Saxon; an important series of historical Genealogical Tables; a Clarendon Press volume, translating the Logic of Hegel, and other works.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

PITTSBURGH, PA.—W. W. Waters, for many years connected with the house of R. S. Davis & Co. and their predecessors, has taken charge of the business of the Presbyterian Board of Colportage. After removing to their fine new store, 198 Penn Ave., Mr. Waters expects to enlarge the stock until it covers the ground occupied by all first-class bookstores.

THE partnership of Messrs. Shepard & Gill expired by limitation the first of the month, and a division of the plates of the house has been made between the two partners. Mr. Shepard takes the *American Homes* magazine and the works of Edward S. Rand, Jr., Blanchard Jerrold, Judge Cozzens, George L. Austin, Henry Day, and others; he will probably locate himself on Federal or Franklin streets, in the burned district. Mr. Gill, who has associated with him Mr. Henry B. Cram, will publish from the old stand, 151 Washington street, the works by Wilkie Collins, Gail Hamilton, Miss Haderman, Miss Douglas, "Carleton," and others, and is promised quite a number of new books, including Charles Bradlaugh's "Impeachment of the House of Brunswick," two new tales by Wilkie Collins, and new juveniles by Mrs. Julia Ward Howe and Mrs. Elizabeth Stoddard.

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4th. That to assure permanence in these reforms, the retail price of books should be reduced so that the largest discount under any circumstances could not exceed one-third.

That is to say, it is desirable that the prices of American books, at least, should be based fairly upon the cost of production. As things now stand, prices are chaotic. The less conscientious houses use thick coarse paper, and large type, and pad frightfully to make a $2 book out of one that could be put in much better shape at $1, while other houses make a volume which is very well worth the price now charged. Add to this the diversity of discounts, and it will be found that there is scarcely any standard in the trade. Of course, this is an individual matter, which is in one sense the business of the individual publishing houses alone, and so far as healthful competition is concerned, it is well that there should be difference. This is a wholesome principle of trade, which can neither be suppressed nor overlooked. But it is the abuse, the reversion, of this principle in the present case which has helped to bring things to their present pass. It is not which house shall attract patronage by offering the best goods at the lowest price, but which shall make them dearest, so as to tempt fallacious buyers by more enormous nominal discounts. This is not wholesome, but the contrary. We do not believe, then, in attempting to bring the trade to a dead level of uniformity, which indeed would be impossible were it desirable, but we do desire to see such a state of things that the best books and the best men shall succeed best, and that artificial and factitious "tricks of trade" should be severely "let alone" by the trade.

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THE letter of Mr. Solberg, in our correspondence columns, will, we trust, receive the attention of publishers. It has always been our grievance that it is so difficult and wearisome a task to obtain information for the trade, even when all the neces-

sary blanks are supplied freely and no charge of any kind made. A change in this respect would certainly be most gratifying to us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

Trade Journalism.

[THE following letter seems intended for publication in connection with the Convention, but did not reach us, of course, till some time afterward. We print it as still of interest, and desire to express here the gratitude which we feel for such encouragement as that of our correspondent.—ED.]

OMAHA, February 12, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

DEAR SIR: To-day the Booksellers' Convention meets for the avowed purpose of attempting the correction of certain grievous disorders in the book business. What manner of cure they may devise remains to be seen. But in the mean time we indulge in the belief that we have discovered the simple first step in a cure ourselves, and beg leave to lay it before you.

When a book is about to be published it is customary for the publisher to advertise it by inserting "advance notices" in the principal periodicals. The wider the distribution of such notices the better. The more newspapers and magazines in which some item of interest concerning the forthcoming work is published, the greater will be the number of persons interested, and in this way led to become purchasers.

The reader sees in some one of his papers the announcement of a new book by Herbert Spencer on Sociology, and before his interest has time to become cold he goes to the nearest bookseller and asks for the book; but the bookseller, instead of answering promptly, "Not received yet, sir, but my advance order for it is in, and as soon as the book is out of the press it will be sent me," looks bewildered, and confesses that he has not heard of it. We remember an example years ago, before the birth of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY. Mr. A. and Mr. B., both proprietors of considerable bookstores, were chatting at Mr. A.'s counter. A lady entered and asked for Longfellow's new volume of poems. Mr. A. handed her a volume, but she politely informed him that there was a later one, recently issued. He was astonished, and suggested the possibility of a mistake, turning to Mr. B. and asking him if he had heard of it. Mr. B. was also ignorant and doubtful, but the customer set their doubts at rest by saying that she had seen a copy at a friend's. Now, to our certain knowledge these two men read more than the majority of booksellers, and tried to keep themselves posted.

The trouble lies simply in the fact that the bookseller cannot afford to take all the papers likely to publish book announcements, and could not give the amount of time and attention needed for reading them if he did.

Now, suppose a trade journal is published containing in a condensed form all the book announcements of the various papers, and containing otherwise only what would directly relate to his business, he could well afford once a week to give such a paper a thorough perusal, and it would keep him better posted than any dozen other journals that he might select and read. Right here there lies the remedy. Let every bookseller in the country subscribe for and read carefully and regularly a good trade paper, and already will the back of the book trade distemper be broken and convalescence set in; and if then the publishers will but follow and abolish the "trade sales," stiffen their discounts, and leave themselves a paying margin, so that underhanded dealings may not be necessary, the book trade will soon regain its rightful healthy and vigorous condition.

However great the wrongs the bookseller may imagine he suffers at the hands of the publisher—and no one can deny that he is wronged—he must still bear in mind that the first condition of success lies in being qualified to sell books. If the bookseller is totally ignorant of the books that a customer wants, the customer is *forced* to look elsewhere for them.

Let every bookseller then support his trade journal, and let the publisher see that it is demanded of him to make this journal a medium of communication with his salesmen.

In a well supported trade journal is the only reasonable hope the dealer has of being able to keep pace with his customers in book intelligence, and this is the first requirement of a successful business. L. T. S.

A Suggestion.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Feb. 24, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

IT occurs to us that a system of exchange might be introduced among newsdealers by offering old numbers of the different magazines on their hands in exchange for such as may be needed to complete volumes.

In this way volumes could be filled up and bound either for sale or as additions to libraries, and thus turn dead stock to account.

Yours, NEWSDEALER.

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LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co., Philadelphia. Forster's "Life of Dickens" is at length completed by the issue of the third volume. The work is far from being like the production of a Boswell, but it is nevertheless a very readable book. In point of manufacture the publishers have left nothing to be desired. The firm have nearly ready "Memoirs of John Quincy Adams," edited by Charles Francis Adams; "A Manual of Toxicology," by John J. Rees, M.D.; "Alide, a Romance of Goethe's Life," by Emma Lazarus; "The Heir of Malreward," a novel, by the author of "Son and Heir;" "Ligation of Arteries," by Dr. L. H. Farabeuf, translated by John D. Jackson, M.D.; and "Plato," by Clifton W. Collins, forming the XIX. volume of the very excellent series of Ancient Classics for English Readers. John Bigelow's new "Life of Benjamin Franklin" is going through the press, and may be expected very shortly. Lippincotts had a great run on the last number of the *Medical Times*, containing the official account of the autopsy of the Siamese twins.

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CLAXTON, REMSEN & HAFFELFINGER, Philadelphia, have become the publishers of the two following works, and have new editions of both in preparation: "The Field Practice of Laying Out Circular Curves for Railroads," by John C. Traut-

wine, 12mo, $2; and "A New Method of Calculating the Cubic Contents of Excavations and Embankments by the Aid of Diagrams, together with Directions for Estimating the Cost of Earthwork." by the same author as the foregoing, 8vo, $2. These works were until recently published by Turner Hamilton.

It is said that the name of Geo. W. Cable is a coming one in literature. He is a New Orleans *literateur*, discovered by Mr. Edw. King during his "Great South" journey, has already published one story, "Sieur George," in *Scribner's Monthly*, and will have a second, "Belles Demoiselles Plantation," in the April number. He is doing for the Creole life of the South something like Bret Harte's work for the characteristic California "society," and the work already published is very fresh and fine.—*Evening Mail.*

Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, whose articles on "Modern Skepticism," etc., in *Scribner's Monthly*, have attracted such wide attention both in religious circles and the general community, is to have an important paper on "The Resurrection of Christ," in the April number, for Easter reading. The *Mail* states that Mr. Blauvelt has devoted himself for the last four years to the study of skeptical literature, and in the present paper he meets the skeptics on their own ground in proving the authenticity of the great fact of Christianity.

The Macmillans have in press an important book by Dr. Pettigrew, author of "Animal Locomotion," on "The Physiology of the Circulation," and also coming a remarkably bright book of travel, "By Sea and by Land," notes of a trip through the Southeastern countries to America by H. A. Meriwether, who thinks America the best place to stay in after all, and "Telegraph and Travel," by Col. Sir F. J. Goldsmid, who laid the Anglo-Indian cable.

The Saunterer's Series, in the Bayard style, has taken so well that the Messrs. Osgood propose a somewhat similar and very dainty new series of "Little Classics." Mrs. Moulton gives the following particulars in the *Tribune*: "They will be edited by Rossiter Johnson, and a dozen volumes are projected. The first will be called 'Exile,' and will comprise 'Ethan Brand,' by Hawthorne; Rip Van Winkle,' by Irving; 'A Night in a Workhouse,' by James Greenwood; 'The Outcasts of Poker Flat,' by Bret Harte; 'The Man without a Country,' by Rev. E. E. Hale, and 'The Flight of a Tartar Tribe,' by De Quincey. If all these are not already classic, they ought all to be, and Mr. Rossiter is going to try his best to make them so. 'Intellect,' 'Tragedy,' 'Life,' 'Laughter,' 'Love,' 'Romance,' 'Mystery,' 'Comedy,' and 'Childhood,' are the titles of the ensuing nine volumes, while the eleventh and twelfth yet wait for some happy inspiration to christen them. All the selections seem worthy of the honor done them."

Shepard & Gill have sold 34,000 of the Danbury *News* Man's book, and 40,000 of his almanac. He feels jolly.

We call attention to an error in our Educational List in stating the price of "Easy Lessons in Natural Science" (Claxton) at $1.50. It should be at $1.75.

Dion Thomas, 16 New Church street, New York, has issued a steel portrait of the late Dr. David Friedrich Strauss, author of "Old and New Faith." size 9 1-2 x 12 in., price 50 cents; India paper $1.

The *Nation* says: "We have from time to time referred in our notices of Stieler's 'Hand-Atlas' to the plates of the United States, six in number. These have now been completed, and are issued by Stechert & Wolf of this city, in sheet form, at $3.50, or mounted (30 x 50) at the price of another dollar. This work partakes of the high character of all the maps published by Justus Perthes at Gotha, under the supervision of Dr. Petermann. It will be particularly valued on this side of the Atlantic for its full and scrupulously accurate delineation, according to the latest authorities, of the country west of the Mississippi."

Mrs. Moulton thus writes to the *Tribune* of the long-talked of "Lotos Leaves," by members of the "Lotos Club," of New York: "This volume, which I believe is not to ap ear until the early fall, promises to be rarely delightful. It will be edited by the two Johns, John Elderkin and John Brougham, and will comprise original papers by nearly fifty well-known literary men who are members of the Club, including Col. John Hay, John Brougham, and other brilliant names, too numerous to be recited here. Many of the designs which will illustrate it will also be executed by artists who are members of the Club. I think these Leaves are such as all we wayfarers shall gladly gather."

Among books announced for some time ahead by the Osgoods are "Life Under Glass," by Mr. Geo. A. Shore, who tried to induce *Atlantic* readers into that way of life; a volume of poems by Miss H. R. Hudson, favorably known to the readers of *Harper's* and the *Atlantic*; Mary Cowden Clarke's "The Trust" and "The Remittance," two love stories in blank verse, which she dedicates to her husband, now eighty-five years old; and a companion to the useful "New England" guide-book, dealing with "The Middle States."

Jules Verne's next story is to be commenced in the April *Scribner's*. It is said to be the most remarkable yet. The idea of "The Mysterious Island" is, to coin a word, scientized from Robinson Crusoe. His four characters are Union prisoners, who escape from Richmond some time in the late war, in a balloon, during a terrific tempest, which lands them, with nothing but their clothes, on the island. Their scientific knowledge, in short, is all they have to depend on, but they succeed even better than our old friend Robinson or the Swiss Family nevertheless. It will be superbly illustrated.

A portrait and sketch of John Hay is to appear in the April *Scribner's*.

Among Roberts Brothers' books for summer publication will be a republication of Mr. Hale's admirable sermons, under the title of "A Summer Vacation," and a little book, "Sea and Shore, a Poetical Selection for the Summer Idler," by two well-known literary ladies.

Mr. W. Simpson, F.R.G.S, whose "Meeting the Sun: a Journey All Round the World, through Egypt, China, Japan, and California" is about to appear in England, is the artist whom the London *Illustrated News* sent on a tour of the world. He chanced to be in California upon the breaking out of the Modoc war, and found himself the only artist "on the spot," even the New York papers depending upon his facile pencil. His book elaborates this topic particularly, and contains forty-eight heliotypes and wood engravings from his drawings.

THE LIBRARY CORNER.

We are indebted to Mr. Chas. Evans, librarian of the Public Library of Indianapolis, for a copy of the Library Catalogue just issued. Considering the short time allowed the Library Committee for collecting and cataloguing, the completeness and correctness of the work are quite remarkable. The work of organizing a Public Library in Indianapolis was only brought to a successful conclusion in January, 1873, and the onerous business of collecting the books begun. In making their lists the committee were fortunate enough to secure the valuable assistance of Mr. Wm. F. Poole, librarian of the Public Library of Cincinnati. The judiciousness of the selection, which, as yet, modestly admits many deficiencies, must be credited to his long experience and well-known judgment. The catalogue embraces the titles of nearly thirteen thousand volumes, and is arranged like most catalogues used in public libraries; that is, each book is entered under the *author*, *title*, and *subject*, the whole being arranged in one alphabetical series. The typographical excellence of the work is also noticeable.

The Long Island Historical Society's library, lately injured by fire, is now open again. Mr. Hanna, the librarian, is appealing for means to provide for the erection of a new library building at Clinton and Pierrepont streets.

It is proposed to open the Congressional Library on Sundays.

The Librarian and Assistant Librarian of the Illinois Legislature are Mrs. Bolivar, sister-in-law of the Secretary of State of Illinois, and Miss Fanny Wright, niece of the late President Lincoln.

The library of the late Robert Nasmyth of Edinburgh, a widely-known bibliophile, is on sale in London. The collection contains several first editions of Shakspeare's plays, with manuscript notes which, it is said, have never yet been completely collated.

The second volume of the Catalogue of Satirical Prints in the British Museum, prepared in the Print-Room by Mr. F. G. Stephens, may now be obtained from the Museum.

Six hundred and forty pages of the new catalogue of the Boston *Athenæum* have been printed, constituting somewhat more than a fifth of the entire work. The outlay up to this point has exceeded $30,000. Mr. Charles A. Cutter has of late years had charge of the enterprise.

The second annual report of the Lawrence, Mass., Public Library shows satisfactory results. The accessions to the Library during the past year have been 3,326 volumes, making in all, 11,411, exclusive of pamphlets. Over one-half of the patrons of the Library are found among the industrial classes, and a large proportion of the remainder are clerks or merchants. School attendants comprise but little over one-tenth of the whole number registered.

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A Suicidal Policy.

THE Ohio Legislature has adopted a hint from the late Mr. Tweed, of New York, who has recently crossed the Styx to Blackwell's Island, and now purposes, after the fashion of that scholarly and erudite worthy, to write its own school-books. A bill now before it, and which it is said has some chance of adoption, provides for the appointment of "three commissioners or authors," who shall compile or prepare for publication a full set of school-books, whose use shall be compulsory in all the schools of the State for ten years. The MSS. when prepared shall be held by the State, but any one who may wish to publish the same may have them copied free of charge. The "commissioners or authors" are to receive $2,000 each for their labors, and $2,000 more is appropriated out of which to pay authors who may be "compiled" from.

The bill in question not only outrages every principle of free government and general trade, but stands upon no ground which can be reasonably defended. In the first place, it would throw over about a million dollars' worth of books now used in that State. In the second place, provided these "commissioners or authors" were the best appointments that could be made, the "Ohio series" would undoubtedly result in being the poorest in the market. We doubt if any three men are capable of that wide mastery of knowledge which should suffice to produce text-books on all the subjects of our common schools; but if they could, these books, at the present rate of educational advancement, would be in ten years so far behind the age that Ohio's school system would become famous as the poorest in the Union. The recompense stated is utterly inadequate for the production of some score of even the most careless and slip-shod books, but it is probable that a "job" lies hidden here, and any amount of money could be procured by amendment. But really capable authors could scarcely be got at any price for such a purpose. Moreover, a bill of this sort would be but a broken reed to any publisher who should trust to it; the Legislature of five years later would probably repeal it out of sight—obliged to by its miserable results—and we doubt if any contract of this sort for that length of time could be upheld in the courts. In short, if the State of Ohio wants to ruin its school system and the unwary publishers whom it may entrap, it has hit upon a capital plan.

Mr. D. F. De Wolf, Superintendent of the Toledo schools, and President of the State Teachers' Association, has issued an effective remonstrance against the bill, bringing out most of the above points. He is quite mistaken, however, in one assumption that he makes, which is well answered in a reply to this point of his letter to the *Toledo Commercial* by a leading educational house of this city, which we have asked permission to reprint in our correspondence columns. The Publishers' Board of Trade is in no sense a union to keep up prices against the public. In fact, it serves the public interest most thoroughly, for it has already reformed abuses which had the worst influence upon our schools. This whole question was argued out at its early meetings, and it was then wisely settled, once for all, that prices were entirely beyond its jurisdiction. It deals only with discounts, and its influence in this way is and has been thoroughly wholesome.

SIR ARTHUR HELPS' new novel, "Ivan de Biron; or, The Russian Court in the Middle of the last Century," is just ready at Roberts Bros. It is said to be more of a story than most of his books, while abounding in the aphoristic wisdom for which he is so distinguished, and is very interesting as well as exceedingly valuable as a study of Russian life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

The Board of Trade and the Question of Prices.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

DEAR SIR: It may not be known to your readers that several of the Western Legislatures are seriously agitating the question of having their States supply their public schools with text-books, under some plan which they think will prevent what they call the extortion of the school book publishers. In the course of the debate on the subject, the most extreme statements have been made as to the profits which school book publishers are making; it has also been generally understood that the Board of Trade *controls* prices, and that a single publisher cannot reduce his prices if he would. In both the Minnesota and Ohio Legislature bills are now pending. In Ohio the bill is likely to pass, it is said. This bill simply provides that the State shall at its own expense have prepared a complete series of text books in manuscript form, and from said manuscripts any publisher can make copies and print and publish the books free of copyright. The State of Ohio, on her part, agrees to use these books to the exclusion of all others for ten (10) years. This plan, it is thought, will promote competition, and break down the "huge monopoly." Mr. D. F. De Wolf, Supt. of Schools, Toledo, O., has prepared and printed in the *Commercial* a very able article, showing the absurdity of this bill; but while he displays a clear comprehension of the subject, and is using his best efforts to prevent his State from making so silly an experiment, we were not a little surprised to see that he has fallen into the error of supposing that the Board of Trade *controls* prices. On this point Mr. De Wolf says that as there are several quite large publishers outside the Board of Trade it cannot be an *absolute monopoly*. So serious an error as this we thought ought not to be allowed to pass, and therefore addressed to Mr. De Wolf the enclosed letter, which you were kind enough to suggest you would like to publish.

Yours truly,

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D. F. De Wolf, Esq.

We have received a copy of your favor addressed to the editor of the *Commercial*. We would like to call your attention to a single point, which seems to be *entirely misunderstood*. It seems to be thought that the Publishers' Board of Trade *controls* the prices of books, and thus prevents their being cheapened by means of competition. The whole point of the "Ohio bill" is to allow any one who wishes to publish and print the Ohio series, on the supposition that competition will keep the prices at a reasonable rate. Now the Board of Trade does not in *any way* prevent the publication of books at just as low a price as any of its members desire to publish them. There is not one word in the laws which would prevent a member of the Board of Trade publishing a book at (1) one cent which cost him one ($1) dollar to make. Nor is there any *understanding* among the members as to prices, nor would such an extreme case even as we have mentioned be the subject of complaint. It has been fully decided that the Board of Trade had no control over prices. That question must be left to the *sole determination* of each member. Thus we have the *freest competition* that it is ever possible to obtain. Indirectly the influence of the Board favors *low prices*. First, it controls the agency system, thereby making the *expenses* of conducting the publishing business *less*, and thereby enabling publishers to reduce prices, as the profits are not, as they used to be, largely used up in agency work. Second, it says that each member must issue a list of prices and send it out (he can revise and change his prices as often as he desires), but in selling to the trade 40 per cent. discount shall be the maximum to large buyers, who are expected to sell again to the retailer at 33 1-3 per cent. off, and the retailers sell to the consumer at the published prices. This simply prevents the old *extreme discounts*, and gives the jobbers and retailers as much profit as they ought to make out of the public. Now is it not clear that if custom obliges the publisher to sell 50 or 60 per cent. *discount* he is obliged to fix his prices just so much higher to the *public*, and the middlemen get an *undue profit?* It seems to us proper that your Legislature should know these facts. They have now got all that competition can give them, and competition in publishing is *very severe*. It perhaps pays as little profit, in proportion to the capital and brains used, as any business in the country. If profit in publishing is only secured by doing a *very large business*, a small or medium-sized publishing business cannot be made to pay. The firms who, by brains and capital and a close application, succeed in building up a large trade, are apt to make money, even in dry goods, and publishing is no exception to the general rule.

Yours very truly,

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"THE Literary Remains of Emanuel Deutsch," of very great interest to all scholars, will probably be the next publication at Holt's. Auerbach's "Waldfried" is already partly stereotyped.

IT has before been noticed that Americans seem to have a special facility and felicity at translation, perhaps because so many languages are represented among us. It is at any rate curious to note that the English editions of the two most important French and German novels of the year, will be the work of Americans. Mr. Frank Lee Benedict, now in London, is translating Victor Hugo's "Ninety-three," which Harper & Bros. will shortly publish here, and Mr. Simon A. Stern's translation of Auerbach's "Waldfried" has been secured by the English publishers from Henry Holt & Co.

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Nature's series of steel portraits of distinguished scientists is giving it especial success. The whole of the regular issue containing the portrait of Professor Huxley was bought up at once, and a second edition is now ready.

"THE Life of Christ," by Rev. F. W. Farrar, D.D., of London, author of a volume of popular sermons, will be issued early in the fall by E. P. Dutton & Co. The English critics give it high praise.

WE are desired to correct a numerical error in onr report of the Convention. It was not eleven, but eight houses of Nashville that were represented by Mr. A. Setliff, his credentials being signed by seven of these.

WE have from S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago, an advance copy of a work on "The Trinity," by Rev. F. Burris, of the Methodist church. His view is that the Trinity is not composed of three persons, but is the centering in Christ of Deity, Humanity, and Divine Spirit, so that there was no Trinity before Christ. Prof. Jos. Hasen, D.D., introduces the book with an interesting historical study of the doctrine of the Trinity, endorsing this book as able and of use, though not adopting its views, and his remarks, we notice, are coincided with by Chicago clergymen of such diverse schools as those of Robert Collyer and Prof. Swing.

THE new work by Prof. Wm. Matthews, author of "Getting on in the World," will be entitled "The Great Conversers and other Essays." A second volume by Benj. F. Taylor, "The World on Wheels, and other Essays," is also in press at S. C. Griggs & Co.'s. The MS. of Prof. Stevens' "Orations of Lysias," lately announced for speedy publication by them, has since been burned in an express car on its way to the printer, and it will take some months to reproduce it.

Mr. FRANCIS PARKMAN'S new work (Little, Brown & Co.) is to be on "The Old Régime in Canada."

TEN thousand copies of the third volume of Forster's Dickens were sold in England within ten days of publication.

A NIECE of Thomas Carlyle, who resides at Chelsea, and keeps house for him, one Miss Aikin, has edited for Macmillan's "Golden Treasury Series" a collection of "Scottish Song." Mr. Carlyle has revised and corrected proof so thoroughly that it is said to be virtually his book.

MR. W. CAREW HAZLITT'S book about the Lambs embraces the correspondence of Mary Lamb, *fac similes* of the titles of the rare first editions of Charles' writings, drawings of his various places of residence, unpublished or uncollected letters, papers, and other curious scraps. "Lambiana," as it is called, has been kept back by copyright difficulties, but is now promised immediately.

"SAXE HOLM'S Stories" have been reprinted in London in Sampson Low & Co.'s copyright editions of American authors, which includes works of such popular writers as Miss Alcott, Mrs. Whitney, Dr. Holland, and the like.

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THE eight English journals that have printed Miss Braddon's "Taken at the Flood" are so pleased with the system that they have made a fresh joint arrangement for a second novel by her.

DICKS is now publishing the Waverley Novels in a threepenny edition, each volume containing a novel complete; with unabridged text, the original notes, and five illustrations. "Waverley" and "Guy Mannering" are already out.

A BOOK whose interest extends over to this side is to appear soon in London, under the title, "The Revolt of the Field." It will contain a sketch of

the rise and progress of the movement among the agricultural laborers, known as the "National Agricultural Laborers' Union."

THE LIBRARY CORNER.

THE fine new building of the Cincinnati Public Library, containing by far the handsomest library hall in the country, is now open to the public. It was dedicated the 25th of February with an address by Hon. Geo. H. Pendleton. Mr. Vickars is Mr. Poole's successor as librarian, and has a staff of twenty-five.

JOHN HADDEN, John Turner, and F. Kiss have been engaged on trial as assistants in cataloguing at the Chicago Public Library, at a salary of $1,000 per year each. The award for supplying the books of current American literature, consisting of about 12,000 volumes, was made to W. B. Keen, Cooke & Co., their bid being the lowest. A similar contract for foreign literature is yet to be awarded.

THE library of the Wisconsin Historical Society is extraordinarily rich in newspaper files, counting 61 volumes for the 17th century, 312 for the 18th, and 1,771 for the present.

IN speaking of the Lawrence Librarian's report, the *Nation* says: "His statistics confirm the well-established law that in any public library three-fourths of the circulation is of works of fiction. Thus, in Lawrence the proportion is 77 per cent. in summer, 74 per cent. in winter, and for the year about 75 per cent. In Boston, we may remark for purposes of comparison, the proportion has been in successive years 76, 78, and 77 per cent.; in Cincinnati, 74 per cent.; in Quincy, Mass., with a population not unlike that of Lawrence, 80 per cent.

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THE Empress of Germany has sent to the reading-room of the Cooper Union, through Mr. Bancroft, forty photographs, exhibiting the various instruments, carriages, and apparatus used by the Sanitary Commission of Prussia in the Franco-Prussian war. These are now on exhibition.

THE Manchester Public Free Libraries report that 2,501,564 persons have availed themselves of their use during the library year 1872-3. In the Reference Library there are now 50,508 volumes, and in the Lending Department 76,584, making a total of 127,092 volumes. The principal Librarian is Dr. Crestadoro, and the Sub-Librarian Mr. W. E. A. Axon, F.R.S.L.

THERE is now issued in Madrid each month a work of considerable value to those who may desire to be apprised of the new books published there and at other cities in Spain. It is named the *Boletin de la Libreria*, and issued by M. Murillo, Calle de Alcala, No. 18. The subscription is eight francs per annum. The last number to hand contains the names of several works lately published, and of others in the press, also particulars of a few old and rare books on sale.—*Athenæum.*

MR. R. C. CHILDERS, Assistant Librarian of the India Office, has been appointed Professor of the Pali Language and Literature at University College, London.

A SELECTION from the letters of the late Joseph Green Coggswell, first librarian of the Astor library, forming a narrative of his life, has been prepared by a lady to whom a large mass of his correspondence was intrusted for this purpose. It is proposed to print two hundred copies of this, for private circulation, by subscription, in a handsome quarto volume, from the Riverside Press, Cambridge, at the price, and of the full value of $5.co. The number of copies being so restricted, and the contents being in the nature of an autobiographic memorial of one so respected and beloved, this volume will have an assured appreciation. Subscriptions may be addressed to George S. Hillard, 62 Pinckney street, Boston.

WE learn from the *Nation* that Mr. Charles F. Bradford, of Roxbury, has presented to the library of Harvard, his manuscript work, in three thick volumes, entitled "Index to the Notes of D. Diego Clemencin in his edition of 'Don Quijote,' Madrid, 1833-39, 6 tom. 4to., with numerous references to obscure and difficult passages in the text; also, with references in the margin to Mr. Ticknor's 'History of Spanish Literature,' 3 vols., edition of 1863." This "Index" represents a labor of love of more than fifteen years. It is presented, beautifully bound, in Mr. Bradford's own handwriting, so neat and firm and even that for convenience of reference it leaves nothing to be desired. It is as clear to the eye as print. It has great importance as a general commentary on Cervantes.

MR. SCUDDER, in *Every Saturday*, suggests as a better book than Hamst's, as a key to *noms de plume*, etc., "the one in preparation, entitled 'A Dictionary of the Anonymous and Pseudonymous Literature of Great Britain, including the Works of Foreigners written in or translated into the English Language, by the late Samuel Halkett, Esq., Keeper of the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.' The work is to form two volumes demy quarto, each volume extending to about six hundred pages, and the edition is limited to five hundred copies. The publisher, Mr. William Paterson, of Edinburgh, announces the book and names the price of three pounds ten shillings to subscribers, and refers American subscribers to J. Sabin & Sons, of New York." We, of course, in the paragraph of which *Every Saturday* speaks, referred librarians only to the best *existing* work, and indeed called attention to the deficiencies of Hamst's ourselves.

Unity Amongst Publishers.

WE have received from New York a very remarkable and a very complete publication. Doubtless the next edition will be even more complete than the present. If so, it will be rather in form than in matter. The book is called "The Uniform Trade List Annual." If only our own publishers could approach the nearest-thing-to-per-

fection of this American Directory, they would do infinitely more than they do at present to oblige both the bookseller and the general reader. Who cares, for instance, to have a catalogue of the works published by one particular firm? Who cares, again, to be worried with a catalogue of the works of one particular man? Lastly, who cares to be troubled with twenty or thirty different book catalogues, all of different size and different form? What you want for the books of the year is a succinct list. To whose interest is it to prepare such a list?

Clearly to the interests of the publishers themselves. What they should do is, each of them to publish his own catalogue, each of them to publish it in uniform shape and type, each of them to hand the result over to some third person, who would make a similar Directory to the American one which we praise. So extraordinary a book is useful not only to the student, but to the bookseller who buys it—to sell again—and to the man who buys of the bookseller. It is a compendium of all American knowledge relating to books published in the country and published elsewhere. It does away completely with museum and other dry catalogues. It puts you in possession of precisely the kind of information which would help you to buy any books whatsoever. The collocation of so many catalogues may possibly have produced a little confusion in the way of bringing them out, but that the placing of them together in a sizeable and reasonable book is a distinct advantage, we are quite certain. The American proprietor is, if not a genius, at all events a very clever compiler of the directory. He has produced a book which is unsurpassed elsewhere. In printing, in paper, in binding, it is perfection. There is only one drawback, and that is, that it seems to require just a little more unanimity among the publishers. The book should be brought out in the same type, and with the same kind of paper throughout.—*Printing Times* (London).

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"THE world was not made in a day," says the proverb, and it is only at the last trump that we are to be changed "in the twinkling of an eye." Otherwise, human nature possesses considerable inertia, and any reform is a question of time. This is what we have to say both to the letter of Messrs. E. P. Dutton & Co. and to the last point made by Mr. Leavitt, in our correspondence columns. As to the book there spoken of, the price of the English edition is $1.25, or to the trade 75 cents; of the American $1, or to the trade 67 cents. It is certainly a very handsome book, well worth the money, that the American publishers offer, and it is quite certain that at this rate of discount there is likely to be no "cutting under." We trust the book will be supported by the retail trade accordingly. On the other hand, nobody expects, and we last of all, that the millennium is coming in a day. Under the most thorough spread of the proper policy among retailers that can possibly be looked for, there will still remain for some time those who can't see further than the resent shilling, and who will still clamor for the larger discount. No great improvement of this sort ever was brought about without temporary inconvenience, indeed, temporary loss; but we must call on the retailers to do their best, and to publishers to be patient in the surety that the reform means money in the end.

We also agree to some extent with Mr. Leavitt, that there will be sufficient grumbling on the part of such short-sighted retailers, so as to make it temporarily "difficult to sell books" to them. The retail trade has to be educated to the need of reform, as well as the publishers convinced as to its expediency. But in the end everybody will be the gainer, and the little friction and loss that must come temporarily in any such change will be thrown out of sight by the great accruing benefits that come afterward.

The British Reference Catalogue.

OUR arrangements with Mr Whittaker for the agency of his REFERENCE CATALOGUE having been completed, we beg to call attention to the following points:

1. Only 250 copies will be received for this country.

2. Subscriptions must be sent to this office, where they will be entered in the order of receipt.

3. The price of subscription, per copy, is $1.50, payable in advance.

To give a more definite idea of the plan of the enterprise, we reprint the following notice from the *London Bookseller:*

A great and not altogether unreasonable outcry has been raised as to the want of information respecting modern books. It is said if we want to know about Burmann's "Ovid" or Hamilton's "Vases," the sizes and other particulars may be more readily obtained than that of the number of volumes, size, and price of the recent editions of Dickens, Thackeray, Mommsen's "Rome," Grote's "Greece," or Freeman's "Norman Conquest," while it is next to impossible to learn all that one wants to know about Rawlinson's "Ancient Monarchies" and its continuations or supplements. This is, perhaps, an exaggeration, nevertheless there is some truth in it. Turning to the English Catalogue for such a book as South's Sermons, Oxford edition, we find it published in 1842 at 30s. 6d., but on inquiry may find that the price has been considerably reduced, although no record of it is to be found in any catalogue at hand. *This* is the real difficulty; the catalogue we want is never forthcoming just at the precise moment, and a bookseller who quoted South at the full price might be set down as one who attempted to cheat, or as one grossly ignorant of his business.

In order to remedy this, our American brethren have set us the example of collecting and binding in one volume the catalogues of all publishers from every part of the Union. These form a most useful volume for the bookseller's own reference; but, unfortunately, owing to the introduction of some catalogues with trade prices, the usefulness of the "Uniform Trade List Annual," published by Mr. Leypoldt, of New York, is confined to booksellers alone. We are now about to improve upon this, and, in the "Reference Catalogue of Current Literature," have a volume which the bookseller and his customer may both use. Nearly all the publishers in the United Kingdom have agreed to print catalogues of the books they have in print all uniform in size. These, when bound, will make a volume as thick as the London Directory. The volume will be furnished with indices, to facilitate reference, so that the bookseller may either turn to what is required or place it before the bookbuyer. It frequently happens that a customer is undecided in his choice, or really has no knowledge of the books he wishes to present or purchase; he may then take the catalogue home to select at leisure, or consult some friend. In a variety of ways the usefulness of such a catalogue will suggest itself to the bookseller's mind, and there can be little doubt that the number of copies provided will soon be exhausted.

Our readers will find in the correspondence columns a letter from the Messrs. Leavitt, to which it is only right we should call especial attention. Our statement as to "Common Sense in the Household" was based on the best of evidence, the specific declaration of a well-known house to the effect of our statement; it is no doubt true that the circulation in the newspapers and among the trade of this exceptional sale advertised the book widely and so helped it, but this instance is altogether exceptional, and its like had not happened before for years. The figures of Western buying at the late sale show that at that sale not so much "dead stock" was thrown into the West as we had supposed, but they help to show how a large quantity of books is thrown below price into the great centres, and the country orders attracted thither by the undersell-ing that incontrovertible facts prove directly follows these sales, so that the country trade is thus deprived of its reasonable chance, to the hurt of all concerned. In our view, the trade sales are like a drop of ferment in a huge mass, which becomes soured by the spread of its results. We agree with the Messrs. Leavitt in the severest reprobation of underselling by agents. It is scarcely necessary to state that our face has always been firmly set against all causes of demoralization in the trade, as one of which we have argued against the trade sale. The other point made by the Messrs. Leavitt is referred to above.

It might be supposed there was a plethora of quarto family Bibles in the market, especially among the subscription houses. It seems, however, as if the subscription publishers were eternally playing an extensive game of follow my leader, for no sooner does one house issue a moderately successful book than a dozen others follow in its wake. with books of an exactly similar kind. Two or three years ago books of a semi-medical character were the fashion, and following the lead of a Philadelphia house, at least twenty, all bearing a strong family likeness, were issued by as many different publishers. Just now illustrated family Bibles seem to be the rage, ponderous articles of parlor furniture, eminent for their imposing exterior and utter uselessness. The amount of good morocco spoiled in their bindings is horrible to think of—covers at least an inch thick, bevelled, and gilded, and stamped until every natural beauty of the leather is effaced. These solid cubes of ugliness are being sold by the ton, as it was discovered not long ago that at least one house was making money by such a venture. The fashion was started, and big Bibles became the pets of the hour. The latest of these is from Hubbard & Bros., Philadelphia. So far as paper and print are concerned, little fault can be found, but the wonder is how so many of these Bibles can find a sale.

Scribner, Armstrong & Co. make the important announcement that Mr. William Cullen Bryant, assisted by Mr. Sidney Howard Gay, has in preparation a "Popular History of the United States." The work is to begin with the earliest authentic history of the Western Continent—though not ignoring the earlier mythical period—and to come down to the close of the first century of American independence. It will require not less than three volumes, and is to be profusely and largely illustrated from original designs. It is to be a full, exhaustive, popular history of our country, corresponding, we presume, to Knight's History of England; and its picturesque and artistic features make it doubly interesting to the American public.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

The Trade Sale—From Messrs. Leavitt.

NEW YORK, Feb., 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

DEAR SIR: The editorial in your issue of Jan. 31 states that you had sent to our office "to give opportunity for reply," etc., but that up to the time of going to press nothing had been received, owing to the absence from the city of one of our house. Had we been here we should have requested a correction of your statement respecting the sale of the 5,000 "Common Sense," which, with the exception of the fact that 5,000 copies were sold in one lot, is entirely incorrect. The publishers also inform us that, notwithstanding the sale of 5,000, their own sales of this book have been nearly, if not quite as large as heretofore, thus nearly doubling their sales, and that the demand now is as great as ever.

In reply to the allegations that the book business is demoralized, and that a "leading cause" of this supposed demoralization is the trade sales, as well as to aid in your efforts to restore the trade to a respectable standing and a sound basis, we append a list of all the towns in the far West to which we sold books at one of the largest sales ever held, that of September, 1873, with the amounts sold to each.

Kalamazoo, Mich	$46.00
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Fort Wayne, Ind	450.00
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Nashville, Tenn	190.00
Waterloo, Ill	160.00
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A grand total of twelve hundred and sixty-nine dollars; and if it will be of any further service we will, for your next issue, furnish a list of the items constituting the above amounts, quantities, and prices paid. Looking over the list of committees appointed by the late "convention," we observe the name of but *one* bookseller who has ever bought a book at trade sales, and he to the limited amount of less than $200 at the last sale.

The next trade sale will commence on Tuesday morning, March 24, to which we cordially invite the trade, booksellers and publishers, especially those who have never before been present.

We remain, very respectfully,

GEO. A. LEAVITT & CO.

P. S.—It just occurs to us that there is one point in the matter of "demoralization" which we have not seen mentioned by yourselves or any of your correspondents or contemporaries. It is, the travelling agents who throng the West. Where *we* reach 5 towns, *they* reach 500 or 1,000, and sometimes half-a-dozen agents in a town at once, who, from competition, sell their books at discounts of fifty and sixty per cent., thereby not only demoralizing the retail trade, but also to a very great extent demoralizing the jobbing trade and damaging and seriously interfering with the business of the trade generally. If the demand for *smaller discounts* should be carried into effect, *this* evil would in a great degree be remedied, but the *other* effect will be, that at least one-half of the publishers will find it very difficult to sell their books, and their business much curtailed and crippled.

In the Right Direction—Will it Pay?

NEW YORK, March 10, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

DEAR SIR: We desire to call your attention to the book sent herewith—"The Silence and Voices of God," by F. W. Farrar.

We have issued this book, in conformity with the suggestions of the booksellers' convention at Cincinnati, at the low price of $1 retail, and offer the trade a discount of one-third—yet the first cry that we get is, "We won't buy unless you make it 40 per cent." Now let any persons acquainted with the cost of book-making examine this volume, and they will readily see that there is no money to be made on it at our price, unless a very large number are sold. We have such faith in the book that we believe that it will meet with a large sale; and having issued it as we state, many booksellers refuse to touch it, because the English edition, although with a higher retail price, has been bought at 40 per cent.

Is it not to our interest, let us ask, to issue the book at $1 25, and then sell at 40 per cent? yet this is just what the convention complained of. At all events, we try the experiment on this book, and wait to see how far the trade will go towards supporting their own recommendations, as in the 4th Article of their resolutions.

Yours truly,

E. P. DUTTON & CO.

The Question of Library Prices.

NEW YORK, MARCH 4, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

DEAR SIR:—In the large amount of correspondence that has appeared in your columns relative to the vexed question of discounts to the trade and to bookbuyers it would appear as if every branch of the subject must have received attention. There is one point, however, to which, it appears to me, due consideration has not been given in the discussion—namely, the position and requirements of *libraries*

The reforms proposed by the American Book Trade Union are so excellent in their aims, and the evils they assail are such serious ones, that it is of essential importance that the measures proposed should be both correct and logical in principle and practicable in execution. One of the recommendations of the Union is that "no discount from retail prices be made to any persons outside of the regular trade." This is, I believe, so sweeping that it is both erroneous in principle and impracticable to carry out. The Union does not, of course, include in its list of the "regular trade" circulating libraries. But these really buy books to sell again, although their methods of sale are different from those of the bookseller. The Mercantile Library of New York is practically a dealer in books—when it buys 500 copies of a new novel, sells the use of these to its customers, and finally, when the first demand has gone by, sells 490 of the half worn-out copies to poorer

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country libraries—and it should receive some of the privileges granted to dealers in books. Further, in buying 500 copies of a book instead of one, it is a *wholesale* buyer, and is entitled to such advantage of price as the laws of trade accord to a wholesale buyer of any goods. The Government Commissary, who buys his flour by the 1,000 barrels, buys at a lower rate than is accorded to the individual getting his single barrel for family consumption—and rightly. It is in accordance with the fundamental principles of the laws of trade that can no more be altered by recommendations or resolutions than the price of flour can be fixed by act of Congress.

A library is also an association, and is entitled to the economic advantages of co-operation, just as the members of a club are entitled to receive advantage in buying supplies for several hundred consumers through one steward.

We must not forget that while books differ from other goods in having advertised prices, they are nevertheless merchandise, and are subject to the same laws that govern the buying and selling of other merchandise.

This is not the place to discuss the rights of libraries to exist, or their service not only to the reading public, but to the writers and sellers of books.

There is no question, however, but that the effective force and usefulness of all libraries would be seriously impaired, and the existence even of some of the weaker country town associations be imperilled, if it were attempted to take away all the advantage they at present possess over the individual buyer. And we think the experience of any thoughtful bookseller who has watched in a town the growth of the intellectual tastes and cultivation on which his business is so largely dependent, will convince him that an intelligently conducted town library assists very much in the development of these, and educates and increases the circle of his own customers. We believe he will find also that if his own enterprise and intelligence are equal to the requirements of the managers of the town-library, the business of purchasing supplies for the same will naturally fall into his hands instead of being diverted to the large cities. In a large proportion of the cases where librarians will only send their orders to the large cities it is, I believe, as much for the sake of better facilities offered by the city dealer in the way of complete files of catalogues, useful literary information and suggestions, and prompt estimates of cost, as for any trifling advantage in prices. I admit, however, that there should be no such advantage, and that in the rearrangement of discounts the country bookseller should be so protected that he could offer the local library as good terms as could be obtained in the cities. The library must, however, as a matter of principle, policy, and practical necessity, be permitted to buy on better terms than the individual; and if the proposed general reduction of discounts (based on a reduction of catalogue prices), the necessity for which is very evident, is carried out, I would suggest a scale something like the following: To the jobber 33 1-3 per cent., to the retailer 25 per cent, to the library 15 per cent. This rate would give the retailer a commission on a library order of ten per cent., which would pay him as well for the trouble and investment as the 25 per cent. on the single book sold from his counter, which he has had the risk of purchasing and keeping.

I regret to have trespassed upon so much of your space. I trust however I have succeeded in showing the importance of the limitation suggested to the recommendation of the Union, and I feel assured that without some such limitation the recommendation can never be generally accepted or carried out. If the attempt were made by a portion of the trade to put into force in their own business measures not generally accepted, the result would be not to reform a system, but simply to throw into the hands of those of the trade who declined to make the attempt, a larger share of the book business of the country than properly belonged to them.

With much respect, yours very truly,

* * *, Bookseller and Library Agent.

Another Appeal to Publishers.

Steubenville, O., March 13, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

Dear Sir: It is with much interest that we have read in your columns the many interesting articles contributed by all branches of the American Book Trade. No one, it seems to us, has taken a more sensible view of the necessity of early information, in order that the retailer may be enabled to do business in an intelligent manner, than your Omaha correspondent, in your issue of the 7th inst.

We take all the leading trade papers and read them with much care, and yet we are often caught up on new books and other trade news about which we ought to be able to give all necessary information. It seems to us that it would be a good thing for all parties concerned if the publishers and the trade generally would contribute all trade notices, announcements of new books, etc., etc., to some leading trade journal; and as no other journal has done so much good for the whole trade as The Publishers' Weekly, we would be glad to see its columns made the medium for all kinds of trade news. As it now is, we are compelled to peruse many magazines and newspapers for book notices. If publishers would see the importance of keeping us thoroughly informed of their doings and of new projects on hand, and would concentrate on some one trade journal to whose columns we could turn for all desired information, we think it would have a tendency to promote general intelligence among the retailers, and would also be a very efficient means of securing advance orders for their new books. We are glad to note the good feeling that prevails among all members of the trade, and hope soon to see the many irregularities now existing entirely abolished.

We remain yours very truly,

Crumrine & Nichol.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Education of American Girls, considered in a series of Essays, edited by Anna C. Brackett. (G. P. Putnam's Sons.) These very able essays, by Miss Brackett and her associates, have been called out by Dr. Clarke's little book, "Sex in Education." They are all from American women well known both for their professional experience in the education of young girls, and for their literary ability. They say much on "the other side" which is worth reading, and will no doubt command the same attention as Dr. Clarke's work. 12mo, cloth, $1.75.

Conjugal Sins, by Augustus K. Gardner, A. M., M.D. (G. J. Moulton.) It is rarely a book

comes before us of this nature, so perfectly free from everything which seems likely to appeal to a merely prurient taste. Dr. Gardner writes plainly on a very delicate subject, but with an earnestness which shows his singleness of purpose in giving his work to the public. The fact that he is a physician of over twenty-five years' standing, and that his views have been endorsed by the leading clergymen of the country, should lend weight to his words. He attacks a growing evil of the day, one so wide-spread in this country that all its future deteriorating effects upon us as a nation can scarcely be estimated. 12mo, cloth, $1.50.

HEAVEN IN SONG, by Henry C. Fish. (Sheldon & Co.) This is a new and attractive edition of a work which had a large sale during the holidays, in quarto form. Almost every poet of merit, in any age, who has made "heaven" his theme, is represented here. 12mo, cloth, $2.50.

ON MISSIONS, by F. Max Müller. (Scribner, Armstrong & Co.) That Max Müller, *a layman*, should have been allowed to lecture in old Westminster Abbey, has set the whole religious world agog. This lecture, however, is a remarkable one, full of zeal and the most liberal Christianity. In order that "missions" should succeed, he thinks they should be freed from all sectarian preaching, or, in his own words, "we want less of creeds, but more of trust; less of ceremony, but more of work; less of solemnity, but more of genial honesty; less of doctrine, but more of love." There is also an introductory sermon on the same subject, by the Dean of Westminster, Arthur Penrhyn Stanley. 12mo, cloth, $1.00.

THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII, and RIENZI, by Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton. (J. B. Lippincott & Co.) The last volumes of the "Lord Lytton Edition." This edition of Bulwer's complete works is one of the finest offered to the trade for the price. It is handsomely printed on fine white paper, and neatly bound. 12mo, cloth, $1.50.

PRESBYTERIAN COOK BOOK, compiled by the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church of Dayton, Ohio. (Oliver Crook & Co.) We cannot speak from experience of the merits of these recipes; but we should judge, from a careful perusal of many of them, that the various directions given for the preparation of well-known household dishes, could only have the most satisfactory results. Most of the recipes come directly from ladies who have gained a reputation in Dayton for the concocting of some particular dish. The lady's name accompanies the recipe in most cases, thus endorsing its excellence. 12mo, cloth, $1; interleaved, $1.50.

THE AMERICAN ROWING ALMANAC AND OARSMAN'S POCKET COMPANION FOR 1874, by Fred. J. Engelhardt. (Fred. J. Engelhardt.) The author of this little work is well known as the boating editor of "Turf, Field and Farm." His opportunities, we should judge, have been ample for witnessing every race of importance or otherwise which has taken place for some years back; of these he has made a complete record, full of interesting details to the boating fraternity. This book contains besides a good deal of information about various other things connected with this favorite pastime. 24mo, cloth, $1.00.

MRS. LOUISE CHANDLER MOULTON, of the *Tribune*, is to publish a second volume of stories, through Roberts Bros., some time in May. "Some Women's Hearts" is, however, as may gathered from the title, for grown-up readers.

LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

WE have from Robert Clarke & Co. a copy of "The Young Booksellers' and Stationers' Society," of Cincinnati, organized Jan. 20, 1874. The second article declares that "The objects of the Society shall be the moral and intellectual improvement of its members by means of lectures, essays, and discussions on trade, literary, and general subjects, and the fostering of social intercourse among the members." The present officers are: Honorary President, Robert Clarke; Honorary Vice-Presidents, R. D. Barney, John W. Dale, Howard Barney; President, Alexander Hill; Vice-President, W. H. Anderson; Secretary and Treasurer, John Dickison. We trust that this excellent idea may be taken up in other large places.

A WORK for teaching practical geometry on a somewhat novel plan is soon to be published by Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger, Philadelphia. It is entitled "Mechanic's Geometry," and is by Robert Riddell, the author of a well-known work on hand-railing, "The Carpenter and Builder," etc. The present work has been specially prepared for the use of learners, or for mechanics who desire to improve themselves in their craft. The directions show how the designs may be drawn, by geometric rules, for the various angles and curves needed by the workman. An illustration of these is given on the opposite page, printed on thick cardboard, with muslin back. The designs are cut out and lift up from the page, so that they serve both as a projection and a plan. As a plan, they show first how, by geometric rules, the figures are drawn, and then, the page taking the part of the material, how each part is to be cut out. On lifting the parts up from the page, and fitting them together, the object itself is formed, every angle and curve being mathematically correct. The plan is a most excellent one, and will be very useful in teaching the practical application of geometry. The same publishers have also in the press, "Handbook of the Locomotive," giving full information concerning the construction of engines and boilers, their management and running, by Stephen Roper; and "Billeta Linden; or, The Artist's Bride," the second volume of the new uniform edition of Emerson Bennett's works.

WE have to record another addition to the ever increasing Wesley literature. The Rev. J. H. Rigg, D.D., of England, author of "Modern Anglican Theology," "Essays for the Times," etc., has prepared a work entitled "The Living Wesley," in which he gives a summary of all the later Wesley literature, and then proceeds to present a portrait of John Wesley in the prominent periods of his life. The author does not enter into the minute events of the career of his subject, but gives the results, rather than the process, of his investigations. The Rev. Dr. Hurst, President of Drew Theological Seminary, is to supply an Introduction to the work, and Messrs Nelson & Phillips, of this city, will issue it in May.

PORTER & COATES will shortly issue a new juvenile by Harry Castlemon, whose "Gunboat" and "Rocky Mountain" series have become so popular with boys, to be entitled "The Sportsman's Club Afloat." They will also add to their list a new edition of Milman's Gibbon's Rome, with steel plates.

JANSEN, MCCLURG & CO. will issue in April a volume of sermons, by Prof. David Swing, of Chicago. As the Professor has been arraigned

by a prominent D.D. of the Presbyterian church, upon the charge of heresy, and as the sentiment of the great majority of the people and the press almost universally seems in his favor, an unusual interest is likely to attach to the publication of the sermons.

THE readers of the "Children's Chapter," in "The Women of the East," will be glad to know that a juvenile on "The Children of the East" is promised by Rev. Dr. Jessup, through Dodd & Mead.

A VERY timely and much-needed work is promised by the Professor of Political Economy at Yale, W. G. Sumner, who, says the *Mail*, though not a very old man, has already made a reputation among specialists. His "History of American Currency," when it is published by Henry Holt & Co., should be distributed freely by some philanthropic society about the national Capitol, and may do some good. It is compiled from original material, will be the only available study of the crisis of 1837, and will contain the famous "bullion report" on the long Bank of England suspension, now only to be found in Hansard's reports.

REV. E. P. ROE'S capital little book, "Play and Profit in My Garden," formerly in Dodd & Mead's list, will be published hereafter by the Orange Judd Company.

A LIST of the new Ministry, Convocation, Houses of Lords and Commons, etc., will be issued as a supplement to that exceedingly useful compilation, "Whittaker's Almanac," on the assembling of Parliament.

THE trade will please take notice that Eldredge & Brother, of Philadelphia, have purchased the plates, copyright, etc., of Hart's "Grammar. Part 1st," "English Grammar," "Constitution of the United States," "Class Book of Poetry," and "Class Book of Prose."

RANDOLPH'S pleasant little books, of quiet, devotional tone, are welcome visitors in many houses. Two of this sort are to be added to the list by-and-by: "The Winter Fire," a sequel to "Summer Driftwood," and "The Fourth Watch," by the author of "The Melody of the Twenty-third Psalm."

"INTERNATIONAL literary amenities are pleasant to hear of It is gratifying to learn," says the *Athenæum*, "that Messrs. Henry Holt & Co., of New York, have sent that admirable Russian novelist, M. Ivan Tourgueneff, a letter, enclosing a thousand francs, in token of their appreciation of his writings, of which they are publishing a series of English translations. M. Tourgueneff, it seems, not to be outdone in generosity, proposes to present Mr. Holt with an English version of a story which is to appear, in its original Russian, in the 'Album,' contributed by Russian literary men to the fund for the benefit of the famine-stricken peasants of the Province of Samara."

THE Naturalist's Agency, Salem, and Estes & Lauriat, Boston, are about to publish a useful volume by Dr. Elliott Coues, "Field Ornithology," being a manual of instruction for procuring, preparing, and preserving birds, with a "check list" of North American birds. Full and concise directions are given for the field work of collecting birds, and for the preservation and registration of specimens, and to the amateur naturalist the book will be invaluable.

ONE of the handsomest specimens of book-making issued in Chicago is "The Tunnels and Water System of Chicago," published by J. M. Wing & Co. It is printed on paper weighing one hundred pounds to the ream. and is profusely illustrated. The printing was done by Culver, Page, Hoyne & Co., and the binding by A. J. Cox & Co.—*Rowell's Newspaper Reporter.*

Fur, Fin, and, Feather, a new monthly, specially devoted to field sports, is edited by Charles Suydam and published by Joseph E. Lynn, 61 Warren street, N. Y., at $6 per annum.

Magazin für den deutschen Buchhandel is a new critical monthly trade organ for the bookselling and publishing trades issued by Aug. Schurmann, Leipsic.

SCRIBNER, ARMSTRONG & Co. have several important volumes in press, not hitherto announced: a new book by Rev. Horace Bushnell, D.D., on "Forgiveness and Law," which is, as it were, a complement to his well-known book on "Vicarious Sacrifice;" "The Superhuman Origin of the Bible," as inferred from itself, by Henry Rogers, an English writer; and an important work by Hon. Geo. P. Marsh, of which the basis will be his famous "Man in Nature." The work will bring up the topics of the earlier book to the present state of knowledge, and will form a volume of 600 pages.

BESIDES their handsome library edition of Taine's Pyrenees, just ready, the following book: comprise the spring plans of Henry Holt & Co., "Desperate Remedies," by Thomas Hardy, in whose "Far from the Madding Crowd," now appearing in *Every Saturday* and the *Cornhill*, the *London Spectator* thought it had detected an anonymous novel of Geo. Eliot, which will appear with revisions made by the author expressly for his American publishers; Conway's "Sacred Anthology," a collection of Ethnical Scriptures from all lands whose sacred books are of interest; Colonel Chesney's "Military Biographies," which are largely composed of papers on the heroes of the late war, and have been received with warm praise abroad; Auerbach's new novel, "Waldfried," translated by Mr. Simon A. Stern; a condensation of Chorley's "Autobiography," which will make the good things in that prolix book easy to get at; a "History of the Cretan Rebellion," by Mr. W. J. Stillman, who was United States Consul in Crete during that struggle; the "Literary Remains of Emanuel Deutsch," the great Orientalist of the British Museum, whose premature death was mourned by the whole learned world. Besides the celebrated essay on the Talmud, this will contain essays on Islam, Egypt (Ancient and Modern), the Œcumenical Council, the Targums, and a variety of other topics. Turgenieff's latest works, "Spring Floods," and "A King Lear of the Steppe," will be included in one volume. Richardson's "Clarissa Harlowe" has been condensed into the size of a modern novel with the intention of retaining all its distinctive features. Another needed piece of condensation will be Boswell's "Life of Johnson." The rewriting of the book having failed in England, Messrs. Holt & Co. have decided to condense it without any alterations other than omissions of passages that hurried modern readers would consider superfluous. The "Posthumous Essays of Mr. Mill," to be published by the same house, will be kept back till fall.

"DAVY CROCKETT" will be the next "Pioneer and Patriot" immortalized by Rev. J. S. C. Abbott, by the help of Dodd & Mead.

Stationery Department.

MARCH 21, 1874.

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Stationery and Fancy Goods.

THE trade in stationery and fancy goods has never been so dull within the memory of the oldest inhabitant as at present. There is absolutely nothing doing, and this fact is accepted so generally that the question becomes, When will something be done? This time of year, however, is not usually favorable for trade, but there have been but few years when there was not more business done than there is now. None of the large buyers are in town, and there is no anticipation of their coming. Many of the New York houses who sent out their travellers a few weeks ago have ordered them home, the sales made by them not warranting the expense of their continuance. Those who have returned report trade throughout the country to be very dull, and with no prospect of an improvement before April.

In the line of stationery there are no new goods, and any trade there is is done in standard and fancy papers. The rep papers have sold well, and at no time since their introduction has the supply been equal to the demand. Standard writing papers and school stationery have been in good demand, but as the season of vacations approaches the sales fall off.

In fancy goods some samples have been received, but no striking novelties are as yet shown. The samples are mostly new styles of old goods, that have been upon the market before. Fans and travellers' articles are the only goods sold, and the demand for these even is limited.

Among the few noticeable goods upon the market is Emack's Pencil-Holding Slate, which, though but recently introduced, has met with a large sale These slates are of different sizes, from 5x7 to 8x12, and are provided with a cavity in the frame to contain the slate pencil. A neat brass slide covers the aperture, and prevents the pencil falling out. This slate will be found a great convenience to school children, as it saves the pencil and prevents the damage done to clothing by carrying it in the pocket. The slates cost from $1.88 to $3 63 per dozen.

The same firm, John D. Emack, William street, has also the Eureka Noiseless Slate, which, being provided with hard rubber corners, can be moved about on a desk, or even dropped, without making a noise or breaking. Every teacher knows the advantage of such an arrangement, as it will add greatly to the silence and order of the school-room. These slates are of different sizes and cost from $6.00 to $9.00 per dozen.

Victor E. Mauger, of Goodall card fame, has lately accepted the agency for this country of the A. B. (Boissac) French Inks. These inks have gained for themselves a large sale and great reputation throughout France, and will doubtless become popular in this country. They consist of a violet ink, for both writing and copying purposes, also a violet adapted especially for copying, a double black and extra double black for copying, put up in Litres, half, quarter, and eighth Litres. The eighths come in a variety of fancy shapes, among which are several entirely new in this market, as La Bottine, the Boot, L'Escargos, the Snail, etc. They are all handsomely labelled, and will make a good show on the counter.

The Camera and the Printing-Press—The Rockwood Photo-Engraving Process.

WE present with this number of the WEEKLY two illustrations by the Rockwood Photo-Engraving Process: one a portrait from life, the other a copy of a steel engraving. Their extraordinary excellence will impress the publishing fraternity with the fact that at last a thoroughly practical process has been developed.

From the earliest period in the history of photography attempts have been made to produce, by the action of light, surfaces upon metal, stone, and other substances, from which pictures could be printed with printer's ink—thus securing *permanency*, with the fidelity of the photograph. Some ten or twelve years ago, progress was made in France in what was called "heliographic engraving," in which metal printing-plates were obtained by the action of light; and more recently, in this country, some attention was bestowed upon the maturing of a process of this character, with varying success.

Mr. Rockwood is an experienced photographer, and has devoted a long time to the development and perfection of his process. Originally invented in Denmark, the process has steadily advanced, till now it is of the simplest and most reliable nature.

Under ordinary photographic negatives, prepared plates of glass, zinc, and stone are exposed to the action of light, and from these plates thousands of pictures are printed, with all the facility of the ordinary lithograph, upon a press with ink. The effect of the light upon the sensitized plate is to transform it into a veritable lithographic plate—the parts exposed to the action of light having an affinity for fatty or printer's ink, and the portion protected from light rejecting the ink and absorbing water. So, first, a wet roller is passed over a plate ready for the press, followed by an ink-roller, and the paper then placed on the press, and run through the rollers at the rate of about sixty or seventy an hour.

Th. specimens we have seen of this new process are of very great variety—portraits, landscapes, and copies of mechanical drawings, music, and ordinary letter-press. The portraits and landscapes are equal in appearance to the best specimens of photography obtained by the ordinary printing process; and the copies of mechanical and other drawings are far superior, in clearness, fineness, and sharpness, to any we have seen produced by the ordinary "photo-lithographic" process. The copies of letter-press are some of them so fine that they cannot be read without a powerful magnifying glass, yet perfectly clear and sharp.

There seems to be scarcely any limit to the application of this new art, which combines all the fidelity, delicacy, and vigor of photography with the absolute permanence of printer's ink; besides which, pictures can be multiplied by it at so reasonable a cost that it may be used for most of the ordinary illustrations now made by the various styles of engraving heretofore in use.

Parties interested in the process can address Geo. G. Rockwood, 839 Broadway, New York. The process is offered for sale in all of the cities of the country outside of New York city at reasonable figures.

SPECIMEN-PRINT

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Rockwood Photo-Engraving Process.

839. Broadway N.Y.

Mastmer's English Grammar. A Methodical, Analytical, and Historical Treatise on the Orthography, Prosody, Inflections, and Syntax of the English Tongue. Transl. from the German by Cl air J. Grece, LL.B., Member of the Philological Society. 3 vols. 8°.

Chapters on Animals. By Philip Gilbert Hamerton. With Twenty Etchings by J. Veyrassat and Karl Bodmer. $2. (In April.)

Annus Domini. A Text and Prayer for Each Day of the Year. By Christina G. Rossetti. Sq. 18°.

Sea and Shore. A Poetical Selection for the Summer Idler. Sq. 18°. $1.25. (May 1st.)

SCRIBNER, ARMSTRONG & CO., New York.

What is Darwinism? By Rev. Chas. Hodge, D.D.

TO-DAY PUBLISHING CO., Phila.

Justin Harley. A Romance of Old Virginia. By Jno. Esten Cooke. Illustr. by Wm. L. Sheppard. 12°, pp. 340.

WARREN & WYMAN, New York.

Asked of God. By Anna Shipton. 18°. Clo. 75 c.; pap.

Secret of the Lord. By Anna Shipton. 18°. Clo. 75 c.; pap.

Wayside Service. By Anna Shipton. 18°. Clo. 75 c.; pap.

Last Blessing. By Anna Shipton. 18°. Clo. 75 c.; pap.

A. WILLIAMS & CO., Boston.

Instruction on Modern American Bridge Building. With Practical Applications and Examples, Estimates of Quantities, and Tables. Illustrated with four plates and thirty figures. By G. B. N. Tower. 8°. $2.

Modern Ornamentor and Interior Decorator. By A. P. Boyce. Illustr in colors. Oblong 4°. $3.50.

WILSTACH, BALDWIN & CO., Cincinnati.

The Woman's War on Whiskey. Its History, Theory, and Prospects. Embracing a comprehensive account of the Rise and Progress of the Women's Temperance Movement, with Scenes and Incidents of the Campaign, and a Statement of the best mode of insuring Success. By J. H. Beadle, author of "Life in Utah," etc. With an Introductory Article, and Statement of the conditions of success, by Dio Lewis. 12°. 75 c.; pap. 50 c. (March 25th.)

Publishers' First Announcements.

From the New York Commercial Advertiser for two weeks ending March 16.

MCH. 5.

Porter & Coates:—A Manual on Mythology, by Alexander S. Murray.—Celebrated Claimants, Ancient and Modern.

D. Appleton & Co.:—The Science of Health, by Carrie Kingsley (from advance sheets).

James R. Osgood & Co.:—History of a House, from the French of Viollet-le-Duc.—Adventures of Captain Hatteras, by Jules Verne.

MCH. 9.

Scribner, Armstrong & Co.:—Little Dinners, by Mary Hooper.—Health and Education, by the Rev. Charles Kingsley.—Words of Hope and Comfort to those in Sorrow, by the late Mrs. Julius Hare.—Samuel Lover's Life and Unpublished Works, by Bayle Bernard.—Paradoxes and Puzzles, by John Paget.

Harper & Bros.:—Making the Worst of it.—The Moon, Considered as a Planet, a World, and a Satellite, by James Nasmyth and James Carpenter.—The Literary Remains of Emanuel Deutsch.—Paradoxes and Puzzles.—By Sea and by Land.—The Mystery of Ashleigh Manor.—Mrs. Greville, the Story of a Woman's Life.—The Only One of her Mother.—Mrs. Gilbert.

Henry Holt & Co.:—The Life of Napoleon III., by Blanchard Jerrold.—History of Japan, by F. O. Adams.—Sweet, Not Lasting.

MCH. 10.

Estes & Lauriat:—Memoir of Lord Chief Justice Denman, uniform with our 8vo edition of Chief Justices.—On the Rhine, by Victor Hugo.—Adventures of Dr. Brady, by Wm. Howard Russell.—Atherstone Priory, by N. L. Comyn.

Porter & Coates:—Health and Education, by Charles Kingsley.—The Great Ice Age, by James Geikie.—Paradoxes and Puzzles, by John Paget.—A Young Man's Love, by Mrs. George Hooper.—Meta Holden, by Victor Cherbuliez.—Gerda; or, The Children of Work, by Mme. Schwartz.

James R. Osgood & Co.:—From advance sheets, A Rose in June.

MCH. 11.

Scribner, Armstrong & Co.:—Cohler's Biblical Theology of the Old Testament, a translation with the sanction of the editor.—Dr. Luthardt's Commentary on St. John's Gospel, translated, with the Sanction of the author, by Caspar René Gregory (from early sheets of a new edition).

Harper & Bros.:—Peeps into the Human Hive.—Stormonth's English Dictionary.—Open, Sesame!

MCH. 12.

Estes & Lauriat:—Nuggets and Dust.—Laugherisms.—The Fiend's Delight.—Cobwebs from an Empty Skull.—Fables of Zambri, the Persian.—A Cool Collection of Atrocities, by Dod Grile.

Porter & Coates:—Second Cousin Sarah, by F. W. Robinson.—No Alternative, by Annie Thomas.—Vicissitudes of Bessie Fairfax, by Holme Lee.

Scribner, Armstrong & Co.:—Life and Times of Bossuet.—Life, Journal, and Letters of Dean Alford.—Droll Stories collected from the Abbeys of Touraine illustrated with 425 designs by Gustave Doré.

Harper & Bros:—Life and Labors of Albany Fonblanque.—A Rose in June.—Land the Governor.—Life of Napoleon III., by Blanchard Jerrold.—Mary and Charles Lamb, their Poems, Letters, and Remains.—The Best of Husbands.—Born to be a Lady.

Henry Holt & Co.:—Alice Lorraine.—The Mystery of Ashleigh Manor.—Philip Leigh.—Memoir of Mrs. Barbauld.—A Rose in June.

MCH. 13.

Little, Brown & Co.:—Conway's Sacred Anthology.—Famous Trials, containing the Trials, in Narrative Form, of the Tichborne Claimant, with Portraits, Prince Bonaparte, Troppman, Wharton, etc.

Porter & Coates:—Little Lady Lorraine, by Courtenay Grant.—Doctor Middleton's Daughter.—First Lessons in the Principles of Cooking, by Lady Barker.—The Wild North Land, by Captain Butler.—A Whaling Cruise to Baffin's Bay and the Gulf of Boothia, by Captain A. H. Markham.—Winter at the Italian Lakes.

J. B. Lippincott & Co.:—The Universe and the Coming Transits, by R. Proctor.—Jerrold's Life of Napoleon III.

G. P. Putnam's Sons:—The Higher Schools and Universities of Germany, by Mathew Arnold, edited for American readers by Prof. J. M. Hart.

Scribner, Armstrong & Co.:—Essays, Critical and Narrative by William Forsyth, M.P.

James R. Osgood & Co.:—Alice Lorraine.—The Folk-Lore of Rome.—The Mystery of Ashleigh Manor.

MCH. 14.

Robert M. DeWitt:—The Chevalier Casse-Cou.—The Romance of the Era, translated from the French of Fortuné du Boisgobey, by Thomas Picton.

MCH. 16.

D. Appleton & Co.:—Letters of an Unknown, by Prosper Merimée.

Scribner, Armstrong & Co.:—Sketches in Italy and Greece, by J. A. Symonds.—Characteristics of English Poets, from Chaucer to Tennyson, by Wm. Minto, M.A.—Hours in a Library, by Leslie Stephen.

NEW MUSIC.

M. GRAY, San Francisco, Cal.; Portland, Oregon.

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☞ We never sell our books at any of the Trade Sales.

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The Life of Edwin Forrest. By Colly Cibber..... 2.00
A Photograph of Edwin Forrest as "Spartacus," in Dr. Bird's Play of "The Gladiator," 16x20..... 2.00
Fine Steel Portrait of Edwin Forrest, 10x13, price 50 c.; or on India Proof Paper, price..... .60
The Dethroned Heiress. By Miss Eliza A. Dupuy.... 1.75
Married. A Novel. By Mrs. C. J. Newby..... .50
Common Sense. By Mrs. C. J. Newby..... .50
Only Temper. A Novel. By Mrs. C. J. Newby..... .50
Francatelli's Modern Cook. With 62 illustrations.... 5.00
A Beautiful Fiend. By Mrs E D. E. N. Southworth. 1.75
Count of Monte-Cristo. By Alexander Dumas. A New Illustrated Edition. Paper $1.50; cloth..... 1.75
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The Countess of Monte-Cristo. A new and beautiful edition. Paper cover, $1; cloth..... 1.75
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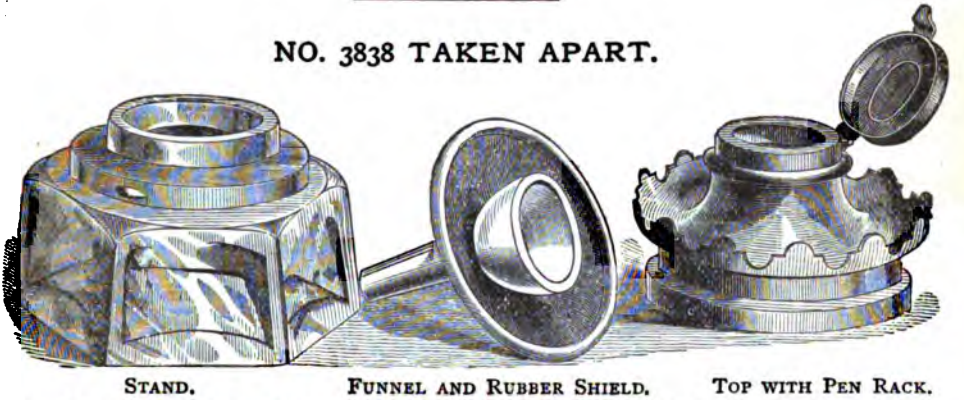

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Sunday-School Books.

A CORRESPONDENT presents in another column some views on the prices of Sunday-school books, a subject which is one of the perplexities of the trade. He urges a reform in prices in this direction, which is simply one phase of the general reform so strongly advocated by us and put in shape at the Cincinnati Convention. Mr. A. F. Graves, of Boston, is now moving personally in this matter, and has already procured a number of signatures binding to an agreement that the best terms on this class of books should be 50 off on purchases of over $500, and 40 and 10 on less, no further allowances to be made. This is a step in the right direction, but "please, sir, such a very little one." It would be much better to set the discount at a third and have done with it.

The chief difficulty in this matter comes of the complication of the religious publishing societies with the general trade. These publication houses, so far as they are charitable and missionary in organization, do not come within trade lines, and cannot be expected to look at matters of price from the trade point of view. Their precise purpose is, as nearly as possible to give away books, and the trade can "compete" only indirectly, by publishing books that Sunday-schools must have, though at the higher price. The work of the Bible Society, for instance, is a glorious work, that no private publisher can for a moment take exception to; yet, notwithstanding it sells one copy or a thousand at what is really less than cost, for it includes no rent in its prices, there is still a tremendous private trade in Bibles. These limits of the trade must be recognized as facts; the publisher must see that he is not able and ought not to be able to restrict the giving away of books of this sort. There is a considerable margin for him outside even in the Sunday-school field, and he can best improve this by the reform we have suggested for the general trade.

A CORRESPONDENT desires us to impress upon *all* publishers and jobbers the necessity of keeping at hand a copy of the "Telegraphic Index" issued by Lippincott & Co. The suggestion is a good one, but for this very important point—that the "Index" is an individual enterprise of the Messrs. Lippincott, and that it would seem

that the benefits of it should accrue to them by the telegraphic orders being sent to their house.

THE subscriptions to the "Finding List" have not quite reached half the desired amount so far, and we fear that the cost of procuring the balance of the needed subscriptions would come to more than we can afford to put at risk We cannot do for the trade what it does not prove practically that it wants done. If the present subscriptions were doubled throughout, we should have nearly enough guaranteed to commence on, and Mr. Patterson proposes to make an effort to secure this. It is understood that the American News Co., which has always fully appreciated the need and usefulness of such a work, stands ready to make its subscription $500, so soon as that will probably secure the publication of the list. If others would do as well, we might begin the work at once.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

Sunday-School Books.

SCRANTON, PA., March 15, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

DEAR SIR: Although the recent convention at Cincinnati was so largely composed of Western booksellers, it must not be inferred that it is a movement by the Western dealers alone.

Perhaps it is better for the success of the combination that the meeting should be free from any of the influences which would almost certainly shadow it if it had been held at the East, and in the vicinity of the large publishing and jobbing houses.

To be successful, a free interchange of opinions must first pass among the *booksellers* themselves Of the three parties composing the book-handling trade—viz., the publishers, the booksellers, and the people—the middle men are the retail dealers. The large houses of the city know but little of the hundred and one causes of complaint which the country dealers are seeking to remedy. They know that the book trade is nearly demoralized, and that it is largely supplemented by outside branches of business. A bookstore proper cannot live on the profits of the books, in one of a hundred places that nominally suppose they are doing so.

As the spring is so nearly upon us, I want to call the attention of the booksellers and interested parties to the grievance of the "Sunday-school book" trade. I believe that I have the sympathy of the larger part of fellow-laborers. By generally accepted opinion, the four leading religious publishing houses were founded with the intention of supplying religious reading of every sort to the needy at the lowest possible price, or tax, I will say. This is theoretical, yet we shall see how far this is true. Each of four large and powerful denominations publish Sunday-school libraries. Let us see at what cost. I, as a dealer, buy them at 33 1-3 or 40 per cent off, and place them on my shelves, innocently, we will suppose, thinking I am entitled to that percentage for risks, losses, and expenses of my store. The first customer who calls for a selection of these books is a plain, simple-minded appearing man from the country. In response to the prices I ask, he demands the discounts I offer. I say, if I say correctly, "My dear sir, these are religious books, and published by —— Society for the use you wish them for. It is not a money-making concern, as is the house of Messrs. ——, or ——, and they offer the books at the low margin of the advertised price in order to help educate and improve the minds of the people. They are *missionaries.*" "Yes," is the reply, "but they offer me just these same books at 25 per cent. off these same prices." Now here is a fraud, even if not something more. I am expected to bear every expense and risk as a bookseller, and compete with —— Society, who desire to sell a country Sunday-school $20 worth of books. To be successful in competition I am compelled to be unsuccessful as a merchant. Suppose I refuse to deduct the same liberal discounts, why, my country customer replies, Brother A or B tells him he can get all the books for him at 30 per cent. off and he pay the express.

This is all wrong, and is one of the things which the book trade must meet, discuss, and rule as being out of order in the reform they are demanding for the new order of things. The discussion of these and similar wrongs must take place before the large dealers are invited to join action with the retail-book men.

Others are discussing the book agents, as found in the middle men in our colleges, seminaries, schools, teachers, clergymen, or travelling impecuniosities. My point is to reach the so-called cheap religious publishing societies, who receive the contributions of the churches and legacies of their dying friends in order to furnish reading *cheap*. Unlike the Bible Society, they do not do this at the lowest rate, but at 30 per cent. more than they can afford to.

The arrangement creates dissatisfaction, really preventing any interest which booksellers might have in promoting the use of their books. No one who does not bear the risks and labors of dealers should expect a single cent off from regular published prices. If chips must fall when hewing is done, then let these fall where they will. Let these large discounts cease, and I guarantee that these library books could be sold at 20 per cent. less price and still leave booksellers a remunerative profit.

H.

Two or Three Points.

SCRANTON, PA., March 17, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

SIR: Have you any extra copies of "Uniform Trade List" left? We have only one left, and that we have to loan occasionally, and feel lost without it; it is one of the most useful and necessary articles of furniture we have in the store.

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for a private association library, to whom they made the above offer, which is as good as they give the trade on many good lines, and within five per cent. of their best discount to the trade on their own and some other lines. At this rate, the country book trade will be of short duration—in fact, now, our sales, outside of Christmas trade, do not pay interest on the investment. Another gentleman called on us a few days ago to inquire what we could do on $25 to $50 worth miscellaneous books. On getting our reply, he stated that he had been offered 25 per cent. on some and 30 per cent. on others, in the amounts named, in Philadelphia and New York. It is not natural for people to buy at home unless they can do as well as they can in New York or Philadelphia, which are only about 150 miles from here; the result is that we cannot sell such parties and make anything much on their orders.

Accept my thanks for your *excellent* efforts of late in trying to help reform our disgraced calling.

Very respectfully,

M. NORTON.

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THE state of the book trade is now about this: either discounts must be reorganized so as to preserve retail prices, or retail prices must go by the board, and underselling be acknowledged as the trade method—which means the demoralization of the retailers pretty nearly out of existence. We have two notable examples of "cutting under" before us this week. The one is the so-called "clearance catalogue" of a well-known Broadway house, which we had thought sufficiently awake to the interests of the trade not to attempt underselling. The other, the "bargain catalogue" of books for sale by "the ——— club," Chicago. Now, clearance catalogues, like clearance auction sales, are perfectly legitimate, but this first named list is not a clearance catalogue at all. Fresh, salable books are quite as well represented as dead stock, such as the moment they were "cleared off" would be reordered at once from the publishers. The house does not advertise its own issues for sale below price, but what is to be expected in such a case? Either for retaliation or in competition, other houses will undersell its books, and nothing can be said against it.

The Chicago "club" prints a representative catalogue in a monthly before us, and gives a full list of American publishers by name, classing them according to the amount of discount the "club" can give on their books—respectively a third, thirty, twenty-five. We trust the publishers who are thus posted will be pleased at the prominence given them. Too many have brought it upon themselves, but all suffer together.

Which of the alternatives will the publishers choose?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

The Classification of Scientific Books.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

EVERY publisher or extensive dealer in scientific books classifies them according to his own ideas, or does not classify them at all. So also with regard to every one who makes a catalogue of them.

Now it seems to me that but one square thought is necessary to see that there would be a decided advantage to all having anything to do with scientific books, from the publisher to the consumer, including librarians, and especially dealers and their clerks, to have the best classification made that can be, and then adopted by all who publish or catalogue scientific books.

If the main divisions of the classification were numbered, and the sub divisions lettered, and then when a book is announced and each time it is advertised in a trade journal give the number and letter of the classification, it would be a great saving of time to the dealers; and time is money, and the greater ease with which a business can be done the more business will naturally be done in it. Very few of those who sell scientific books know anything of science, and many a sale is lost on account of the want of information of the salesman.

The following is a classification that we have been working under for several years, both cataloguing and arranging our stock according to it, and we have found it to work very satisfactorily; but the difficulty with us is that no other classification is the same as ours:

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3. Carpentry, Stair-Building, and Masonry.

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3. Painting and Sculpture.
4. Heraldry.
5. Photography.

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1. Chemistry.
2. Blow-pipe.
3. Electricity, Magnetism, Heat, and Light.
4. The Telegraph.
5. Electro-Metallurgy.

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1. Geography. Atlases, Maps, etc.
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3. Physical Geography.
4. Meteorology and Climatology.

XII. NATURAL HISTORY OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM.
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3. Ornithology (Birds).
4. Ichthyology (Fishes).
5. Entomology (Insects).
6. Conchology (Shells).
7. The Aquarium.
8. Microscopy.

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1. Botany, General.
2. Flowers and Floriculture.
3. Cryptogamia—Ferns, Mosses, and Sea Plants.

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8. Horse and Dog.

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XVI. PHONOGRAPHY.

XVII. CYCLOPÆDIAS AND DICTIONARIES.

XVIII. GENERAL AND POPULAR SCIENCE.

XIX. MISCELLANEOUS WORKS.

I would suggest that the principal publishers and dealers in scientific books, and any others who may be especially interested or capable, consult together and adopt a classification which can be permanent. Let each one of them thereafter use that classification in their lists and catalogues, and the trade journals do the same, and all of the dealers in the country will be glad to do so, and the result will be that even those who have very little to do with scientific books can make themselves familiar with the business and will be enabled to do more in it.

Very truly,

A. L. BANCROFT.

Underselling Data.

MISS., March 25, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

WE read with interest your editorials and communications upon the subject of selling by publishers at wholesale prices to persons not in the book-trade, and to schools, at such prices as the local bookseller cannot afford to give.

A customer asked us the price of a set of books which we had in store, and we replied $50 (the publisher's price). He stated very significantly, "Oh, I can send on and get them for $30 or $40." We replied, "Write and get the publisher's price to you, and we will sell you the books at that price, be it $25 or $50." We saw the letter in which the publisher offered the books at $40—one-fifth off. We could have gotten from the publisher only three-tenths on that particular book. It was an encyclopædia.

A teacher wrote an order for school books, and stated that he could get one-fourth from the publishers. We declined to sell at that price.

The retail trade are now selling at a wholesale price to teachers, but they will discontinue that as soon as the publishers do so. We are glad to see the movement among the publishers on this subject. Our opinion is that there should not be a wholesale or reduced price to teachers.

As soon as the publishers stop the teachers' discounts, we expect to sign and get signed an agreement, by every bookseller within a reasonable distance, not to sell to teachers except at the retail price. We offer this as a suggestion to other booksellers.

A. & B.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.—A curious and important question in insurance law, of special interest to all publishers, has just arisen here. A short time ago a fire occurred in the bindery of Wm. Rutter & Co., where were stored considerable quantities of sheet stock belonging to different publishing houses. Much of this stock was damaged by water, including the sheet stock of a work published by Stoddart & Co. This stock was insured for its value as paper and print, at the rate of 32 cents per copy, the publication price of the book being $2.50. The sheets were sufficiently damaged to make them unsalable as new books, but were still readable. The insurance company offered to pay the full amount of the policy, but claimed the sheets, which they proposed to put into cheap cloth binding, and sell for whatever was offered for them. To this the publisher naturally objected, because by putting a large number of copies of the book on the market at a greatly reduced price, the regular sale of the book would be quite ruined. The insurance company had a clear title to the sheets, provided they were mutilated and sold as waste paper; but it is equally clear that they had no right to interfere with the business of the insured, by flooding the market with inferior and damaged copies of the book, at a price far below that fixed by him. The value of a book is separate and distinct from its worth as so many ounces of paper and straw board. The insurance company, by selling the sheets in question for anything more than their value as pounds of waste paper, would be using without permission the ideas of the author and the business skill of the publisher, on which he has risked his trading capital, whereby the value known as the "publication price" has been created. This view of the case has been taken until now by every insurance company in adjusting losses with publishers. The case of Stoddart & Co. still remains unsettled, but if it should go into court it is safe to predict that the ruling will be against the insurance company.

The Pennsylvania Legislature has taken upon itself to dabble with the school books used in the public schools, and a bill to provide for uniform school books throughout the State has been introduced in the Senate. It provides that a board consisting of the State Superintendent and three citizens shall examine all school books, and pick out a complete series in all grades, including all branches of study. Those selected shall be used in the public schools for five years, beginning from September, 1875. The board is to ascertain from the publishers on what terms they will supply the books selected, and also the terms on which the copyrights may be acquired by the State. If the board fails to agree on any particu-

lar book necessary to complete the series, the members are to supply the deficiency themselves by preparing a new book. This summary includes all the essential points in the bill. The constant changing of the text books in the public schools, before the children have had time to go half through them, is a very serious evil, and one which the advocates of the bill think this measure will cure. It, however, paves the way for quite as many evils as it professes to remedy. What assurance is there that the three citizens who are to be members of the board will know anything more about educational matters than the men of straw who now act as school directors? To become a school director is recognized as the first step in the ladder of political success, and in Philadelphia the office is in nearly every case filled by some mere ward politician. There are doubtless many worthless books now used in the public schools, but under the proposed law it would be possible to enforce the uniform use of a series of worthless books for a period of five years, without the possibility of a change during the prescribed time.

The indications are that we are not going to have a very brilliant spring trade. The jobbing houses are doing enough to keep their packing departments tolerably busy, but the orders are light. Forster's third volume of the Life of Charles Dickens has sold very satisfactorily. Ouida's story, "Bébée," has also been very successful, and Proctor's "Borderland of Science" has been a very profitable venture. J. B. Lippincott & Co. are just on the point of issuing "Memoirs of John Quincy Adams," by Charles Francis Adams, vol. 1; "Plato," by Clifton W. Collins, forming one of the "Ancient Classics for English Readers;" and the first volume of Prescott's Peru, edited by John Foster Kirke. The same firm have the following books nearly ready: "The Heir of Malreward," by the author of "Son and Heir;" "Ligation of Arteries," by L. H. Farabeuf; "As It Should Be," by "Alex"; "The Life of Benjamin Franklin," edited by Hon. John Bigelow, 3 vols., crown 8vo.; Lieber's "Civil Liberty," revised by Dr. Theodore D. Woolsey; "The Villages of the Bible," by Rev. E. Paxton Hood; "The Four Civilizations of the World," by Henry Wikoff; "The Universe and the Coming Transits," by Professor Proctor; and "The Concordance to Shakespeare's Poems," by Mrs. Horace Howard Furness, the wife of the author of the Variorum Shakespeare.

Porter & Coates have several novels in active preparation, as follows: "No Alternative," by Mrs. Pender Cudlip, better known as Annie Thomas, a brilliant and sparkling writer, whose novels have hitherto been very successful; "The Vicissitudes of Bessie Fairfax," by Miss Harriet Parr, whose *nom de plume* of Holm Lee is very well known; and a novel translated from the German of Carl Detlef, the title of which has not yet been decided upon. The author is known in this country by his "Might it Be," and other works of fiction. The new book was published in Germany under the title of "Between Father and Son," but as this title was very much like that of another book still selling, the publishers have decided to change it.

As might be expected, the great prophet of temperance could not allow the women's crusade to pass unnoticed. It was too important an event in the annals of the cause to be permitted to subside without being turned to account. Accordingly, a tale from the pen of T. S. Arthur is announced, entitled "Woman to the Rescue: a Tale of the Crusade." It will be illustrated, and sold by subscription; price $1.25. Stoddart & Co. are the publishers. Another work founded on current events is "The History of the Grange Movement," just published by the National Publishing Company. This company has recently added a printing office to its establishment. It already had a bindery, and now manufactures its books completely.

T. B. Peterson & Bros. have just ready for publication Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth's "Victor's Triumph." It forms a "sequel" to "A Beautiful Fiend," and with those who admire sensational writing it will be a favorite. The cheap reissue of Mrs. Newby's novels, lately published by this firm, I understand to have sold very largely.

J. V. W.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

THE BIBLICAL MUSEUM, by James Comper Gray. Vols. 3-4. (A. D. F. Randolph & Co.) These two volumes of the "Biblical Museum" contain Notes on the Acts of the Apostles and Romans, and on the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians down to Philemon. The notes are explanatory, homiletic, and illustrative, and are especially designed for the use of ministers and Sunday-school teachers. Each 12mo, cloth, $1.50.

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LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

THE *Bookseller* speaks of the two series of religious publications that were competing in London 30 years ago—those of the Parker Society and the Library of Anglo-Catholic Theology. The former had 7,000 or more subscribers, and included Cranmer, Latimer, Jewell, etc., but the later volumes were less important, and sets may now be had cheaply, uncut. The other having less than 2,000 subscribers, including the young Oxford school, issued Andrewe's, Laud's, and others' works; of this sets are scarce, and the Messrs. Parker accordingly announce a reissue, six volumes a year for one guinea (half the old price), commencing with two volumes each of Bishops Andrew's, Wilson's, and Cosin's sermons.

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"OUR Sketching Club," St. John Tyrwhitt's new book, now issuing serially in *Old and New*, is to include, by Mr. Ruskin's commission, the important parts and the wood-cuts of the latter's "Elements of Drawing," which he refuses to reprint. It will be published by Macmillan & Co.

A NEW work is announced by the author of "The Romance of Peasant Life." Mr. F. G. Heath, entitled "The English Peasantry." It treats of the social and political life of the English rural classes, and is to include quite a full account of Canon Girdleston's work of emigration.

SOME enterprising Harvard students propose to publish a book, profusely illustrated by heliotypes, on the social history of the University, its buildings, and sketches of the Professors.

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GENERAL CUSTER'S "Life on the Plains" will not appear till fall.

A NEW historical tragedy by Mr. George H. Calvert, an able scholar, "The Maid of Orleans," will be published by the Putnams. It has heretofore been in print for private circulation only.

MISS GILBERT has been successful in her efforts to collect a library for the inmates of the Tombs, and now announces its completion. It is to be situated in the Council Room, and will be dedicated the 5th of this month, when there will be music and addresses appropriate to the occasion. The Commissioners of Charities and Corrections furnished the book-case, and many of the publishers in the city liberally contributed books, Appleton, giving one hundred volumes; Harper, one hundred volumes; Blakeman, one hundred volumes; Scribner, one hundred volumes; Dodd & Mead, fifty volumes; Randolph, twenty-five volumes; Carleton, twenty-five volumes; United States Publishing Company, twenty volumes; H. S. Goodspeed, twenty volumes. H. B. Claflin gave six pieces of cloth for covering the books. Cash paid for books, pictures, stationery, expressage, printing, covering of books, etc., etc., $513.

DESERTING their old stand in Washington street, opposite the South Church, Messrs. Lee & Shepard have lately moved into the new building on the corner of Franklin and Hawley streets, of which they occupy the ground floor and basement. The building being on the southern side of Franklin street, the sun finds entrance both in front and on the side, thus giving that light and cheerful aspect so pleasing in a bookstore. The entire side of the store is utilized for shelving purposes, by running a gallery along the wall, to which access is given by a light and graceful staircase finished in ornamental work. The books are arranged on these shelves, according to subjects and quantities, there being room, should it be needed, for 500,000 volumes. On the Hawley

street side is the mailing department, where also all orders for country libraries are filled, and back of this the counting rooms for Mr. A. C. Stockin, the New England agent of Messrs. Harper & Bros., are situated. The rear of the store is devoted to the counting rooms of the firm, each member having a separate one. designated by a silver plate on the door. The woodwork of the store is western oak and whitewood, the bookkeeper's desk being made of mahogany. The building is heated by steam, which, being conveyed to the bindery, gives power to a stationary engine, and thus the danger of communicating fire from one story to another by means of belting is avoided. In the basement are stored pipes, with hose attached, to be ready should there be fire. Access to the upper stories is gained by means of an elevator, which is run by a sixty-horse-power engine stationed in the basement.

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The Book Trade Sale.

The regular semi-annual book trade sale opened Tuesday morning, March 24, at Clinton Hall. The sale occupied just one week, and was for the most part animated and lively, bringing something above average prices—occasionally running quite high—and commanding a very fair attendance. The invoice of Messrs. D. Appleton & Co. stood first in the catalogue, and, with the blank-book work of Messrs. J. G. Shaw & Co., occupied the first day, which was notable for the high prices realized. Hawks' "Biographical Cyclopædia" (sheep, $6) brought $3.70 and $3.37. Benton's "Thirty Years' View" ($6) first sold at $3.60, afterwards at $1.90. Blot's "Cookery" brought $1.10 ($1.75). Buckle's "History of Civilization," a $6 book (line of 25), was taken at $3.50. Guizot's "Civilization" sold for $1 (retail $1.50). Macaulay complete brought $2.25 a vol. ($4). Mill's "Political Economy" brought $1.80 ($3). Herbert Spencer brought $1.30 a volume (retail $2.50). Among the lower prices realized were Alex. Stephens' "Reviewers Reviewed," a $1.50 book, selling for 22 1-2 c. Wilson's "Recovery of Jerusalem" (retail $3.50) at $1 50. Proctor's "Other Worlds than Ours" at $1 ($2.50), etc. The blank-book work did very well, bringing quite fair prices.

The good prices realized Tuesday continued Wednesday, though perhaps there were none so exceptionally high. The consignments of Messrs. Estes & Lauriat, Little, Brown & Co., W. J. Widdleton, Lee & Shepard, and others, were the ones offered, and secured a good attendance and an animated sale. Lord Campbell's "Chief Justices of England" (retail $3.50) fell at $2. Phillips' "Famous Cases of Circumstantial Evidence" (retail $2.25) sold at $1.25. Disraeli complete (retail $1.67) brought 95 c. per vol. Lamb complete (retail $1.80) was taken at $1.05 per vol., and Burton's "Anatomy of Melancholy" (retail $1.75) was knocked down at $1. Oliver Optic's popularity was manifested in the readiness with which his works, in lines of 25, were eagerly taken at 87 1-2 c. and 90 c. (retail $1.50). Lee & Shepard's "Household Series of Standard Works" were taken at 90 c. (retail $1 50); their edition of Taylor's "Holy Living and Dying" (a $1.12 1-2 book) bringing 75 c.

Without attempting to follow the sale day by day, we will quote some of the characteristic prices obtained during the remaining four days. Of the importations of Scribner, Welford & Armstrong, Jacquemart's "History of the Ceramic Art" obtained $11 80 on a retail basis of $18. Armytage's "Collection of Pictures of British Artists" sold for $5.50 (retail $10.50). Niebuhr's "Rome" sold for $2.10 (retail $3.75). Buckle's posthumous works brought $4.50, it being a $7.50 book. In contrast to these, Solly's "Life of David Cox" only obtained $4 (retail $18). Eastlake's "Gothic Revival," $3.50 (retail $13.50). Jerrold's "Caudle's Curtain Lectures," 40 c. (retail (1.50). Maurice's "Moral Philosophy," $2.62 (retail $6.75). Their "Chandos Library" sold for 75 c. a volume, the retail price being $1.75. Of the books offered by Mr. A. English, of London, Sheridan's "Dramatic Works" brought $1.55 on a retail basis of $3.75. Taine's "English Literature," $4.25 (retail $10). The "Percy Anecdotes," $1.50 (retail $4). "Speeches of Lord Erskine," $1.60 (retail $3.50). Hayden's "Dictionary of the Bible," $3 (retail $9) Van Nostrand's scintific works averaged about fifty per cent. of the retail prices, quite a number bringing sixty, while others fell down to twenty-five and thirty; Dodd & Mead's invoice averaged something under fifty, though it secured a quick sale, and in many instances was duplicated.

First on the catalogue of Scribner, Armstrong & Co. (the American house) stood a line of 50 of Verne's "From the Earth to the Moon," which fell at $1.75, the retail rate being $3. A line of 50 of Marion Harland's "Common Sense in the Household" was taken at $1.05 (retail $1.75). Woolsey's "Religion of the Present and the Future" (a $2 book) sold for 75 c. Lines of 25 and 50 of Dr. Holland's works brought on the average fifty per cent. of the retail prices, with the notable exception of "Arthur Bonnicastle," which was "jumped for" at $1.05 (retail $1.75). "Ik Marvel's" (D. G. Mitchell's) works fell at 75 c. and 95 c. (retail $1.75). De Vere's "Studies in English" was taken at $1.15 (retailed at $2.50.)

Friday was remarkable for containing both Osgood's and Roberts Brothers' consignments. Among the first on the former's list was Lytton's recent "Fables in Song," which brought $1.10 (retail $2). Some heliotype portfolios offered by them sold fairly at from 25 to 50 per cent. of catalogued prices. Howells' "Chance Acquaintance" sold for $1 15 (retail $2). Landor's "Cameos," for 80 c. (retail $2). Trowbridge's "Doing His Best," for 80 c. (retail $1.50). Miss Phelps' "Trotty's Wedding Tour," the same. Stedman's "Poems," for $1.45 (retail $2.50). Longfellow's "Aftermath," for 85 c. (retail $1.50). Reade's "Simpleton," for 50 c. ($1). Aldrich's "Marjory Daw," for 45 c. ($1.50). Higginson's "Oldport Days," for $1.35 ($2.50). Stoddard's "South Sea Idyls," for 65 c. ($1.50). Their library of novels brought 40 c. each, the retail price being 75 c. Mrs. Whitney's "Other Girls"

sold for $1.20 (line of 100), retailed at $2. Agassiz's "Journey in Brazil" was taken at $2.65 (retail $5).

On the Roberts' list, Miss Alcott's writings sold for 85 c. and 65 c. a vol., the retail price being $1.50. Hamerton's "Intellectual Life" and "Thoughts about Art," both $2 books, fell at $1.15. Louise Chandler Moulton's "Bed-Time Stories" (line of 50) was taken at 85 c., retailed at $1.50. Mrs. Somerville's "Recollections" sold for $1.50 (retail $2.50).

On Saturday, Messrs. Leavitt & Allen's books were offered. "Pilgrim's Progress" was taken at 22 1-2 c. (retail 75 c.) Mrs. Jameson's "Shakespeare's Characters," at $2.12 1-2 (retail $4.50). Tupper's "Proverbial Philosophy," at 35 c. (retail $1.25). "World" edition of Shakespeare (8 vols.), at 75 c. (retail $1.50). Watson's "Poetical Quotations," at 80 c. (retail $1.75), etc.

The albums and photographs were also sold the same day, bringing higher prices than usual, some of Faber's stereoscopic views, 6 c. each.

The sale closed on Monday, the 30th, with the invoices of the Catholic publishers, Mr. P. O'Shea and Messrs D. & J. Sadlier & Co. It being the last day of the sale the attendance fell off somewhat, as did also the prices. A few of these we give: L'Abbé's "History of the Catholic Church" brought $1.30 and $1.45 (retail $3). Lingard's "History of England," 40 c. (retail $1.50). Brownson's "American Republic," 85 c. and $1.10 (retail $3). Swift complete, 50 c. per vol. (retail $2).

We have given, of course, the more notable, therefore the higher prices; there was, however, the usual considerable quantity of books disposed of at "way down" rates. The catalogue was not above average spring size, but some of the prices ran much nearer the trade rates than usual, in one or two instances reaching them.

THE LIBRARY CORNER.

MR. WALTER C. HOOD, of Marietta, Ohio, has been appointed by Governor Allen as State Librarian to fill the position of S. G. Harbaugh, whose term expired on March 23. Mr. Harbaugh has served as Librarian twelve years from March, 1862, receiving consecutive appointments of two years each from six Governors. His daughter, Miss Mary C. Harbaugh, is retained as assistant.

AT the last annual count of the books in Harvard College Library, there were 140,000 volumes, nearly 100,000 pamphlets, and nearly 50,000 duplicate pamphlets.

THE *Bookseller* notes that "the first catalogue of publications in the English language was compiled in 1595 by Andrew Maunsell, a bookseller of ability and eminence, who lived in Lothbury toward the close of the sixteenth century." It gives also the curious title and dedications.

Every Saturday lately had some very sensible remarks by Mr. Scudder on country free libraries, saying that "the public library is no more, of necessity, a great and expensive collection of books, than is the school a highly organized, splendidly endowed, and thoroughly equipped institution. A country school, with a teacher who has the teacher's faculty, has the *essentials* of a school; a country library containing the books that make readers and thinkers, has the *essentials* of a library." He desires the establishment of small local libraries of books to be read, and the abandonment of the *ideal* of a great, permanent collection of books. It might be as simple a matter to have a district library as to have a district school; and if, as every district school is part of a system, every little library were also part of a well-ordered system, then we might have not only our great libraries in the city, our highly organized city schools, our colleges and their libraries; but also a great network of small lending libraries, connected with our country schools, and so ordered that there should be an economical use of the same material, and each library should be not a solitary and independent collection, but one that is part of a general sytem.

L'Intermédiaire des Chercheurs (French *Notes and Queries*), which came to a stop in 1870, is attempting to resume operations by sending to its subscribers the number of August 10, 1870, as it was left at the time. It advertises, on its fourth page, a new periodical of the same kind, which is to bear the formidable name of *Myriobiblion*.

THE University Library of Strasburg has increased 80,000 volumes during the past year, and now numbers about 300,000 volumes in all. Half of these additions have been procured by purchase, the rest through public and private donations.

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Editorial Notes.

IN our comments of a fortnight since on a "Clearance Catalogue," issued by a Broadway house, we were perhaps not quite just in omitting to state more fully the position of the house in question. They had a considerable surplus stock of English and American books, among which, as we stated, were many current publications, on which they desired to realize at once. They therefore offered their copies on their shelves, for sixty days, considerably below price, not intending to replace this stock or to sell any other copies at the prices named, preferring this quieter method to general advertising of underselling during the holiday season. All this is stated in the prefatory "notice," of which we must say, however, that the use of terms—"we cannot *engage* to fill orders at catalogue prices after the stock in hand is disposed of"—was unfortunate, since this simply protects the house from being bound to supply further copies at these prices if they could not profitably be had, and does not state that they will not or cannot supply them. The house state, however, that they had no intention of selling other copies than those on their shelves. We find further that such a list is accepted by many members of the trade as a legitimate "clearance catalogue," and on such a ground we certainly owe the house in question an apology for individualizing them for criticism. But this does not affect our own position, that it is unwise in the better members of the trade to issue such catalogues, since it thus becomes practically impossible to draw a line against underselling anywhere. Such precedents give countenance to and encourage the extreme Nassau street underselling. And it is to be understood that our chief criticism upon underselling is that it re-acts upon the larger publishers themselves. In one view, every man's business is his own, and no one has the right to object or criticise—but all this opens a very broad question, of which we shall treat at another time.

WE are receiving gratifying encouragement from a few individual parties in the Finding List enterprise, but they are few. J. C. Trader & Co., Xenia, O., write: "Double our subscription. *We can't afford to have it fail;*" and in a P. S., "If necessary, will double again." N. S. Harding & Co., Nebraska City, in doubling theirs, add: "This enterprise *must not fail.* If we, doing a business of only $25,000 a year, can afford, rather than have it fail, to take two copies, it is a shame and di[illegible] to the trade that the matter lags. The publ[illegible]

and jobbers ought to make up the amount at once." In a letter just received from Mr. Aston, President of the Book Trade Union, he says: "I trust your Finding List will be a success. I fear, unless we succeed in making a radical change in the retail book trade, your next enterprise will be to get up a finding list to find the booksellers." If the trade generally manifested the spirit of such members of it, we could enter on the work next month. But it still looks very doubtful.

WE learn from Mr. Aston, the delegate of the American Book Trade Union to confer with publishers, that he has been delayed from his proposed journey East by sickness and business hindrances. When he will be on he cannot even yet say certainly, but he hopes to visit our publishers before long. We trust they will be ready to confer usefully with him when he does come.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

A Letter from Mr. Aston.

[WE give below some portions of a letter just received, under date of Columbus, O., April 11. 1374, from Mr. Isaac C. Aston, President of the late Convention and of the Book Trade Union, and its delegate to the publishers.—ED]

COLUMBUS, April 11, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

It is fair to presume that the publishers feel that a change would be quite as advantageous to them as to the trade at large, for as surely as the booksellers are *only so-called now* just as certainly are they going out of the book business as rapidly as it is possible for them to do so.

Bookstores are now becoming regular *bazaars*, selling all sorts of "traps and calamities" in order to turn an honest penny. I must confess I am almost abashed when I think "how the mighty have fallen," for in times long past I felt proud to say I was a bookseller. Ohio is now pondering the question of adopting her own series of school-books; a bill was introduced in the Legislature this winter. Should this bill pass, then the school marms will sell the books and the trade will then add a few more *traps*, or turn school-marms or publishers. It is a lamentable fact that the best talent in the trade is fast retiring, and then the men who make books must all sell by subscription, having agents whose name will be legion.

Will not the good sense of our American publishers suggest to them that it will be far easier and cheaper for them to sell through three, rather than 12 to 20 men in a place, and when a book is made at $1, it will be sold at one price by publisher and the entire trade, the bookbuyer reaping the advantage of a low price and the trade working for a less per cent., but being assured that prices will be *uniform*, and that neither publisher or bookseller can afford to *undersell*. When this climax is reached then the book trade will assume a status never before reached, and the millenial glory will begin to dawn, and we will then proudly assume the honorable title of booksellers, as in days of yore.

Yours,
ISAAC C. ASTON.

What's in a Name?

When a customer enters a bookstore and inquires for Tennyson's "In a Garden," the salesman in attendance knows from the familiarity of sound that "Enoch Arden" is meant; but a customer puzzled us the other day by asking for a new novel called "Golden Eggs." As none of us had heard of it, and as the goose which was popularly supposed to have laid those desirable articles had long since perished through the inordinate cupidity of its owner, none of us could tell what was really wanted until further inquiry elicited the fact that the author was Mark Twain. Then we knew that "The Gilded Age" was what our customer desired.

A still more curious mistake, though in this instance a typographical one, occurred a few days since, when the writer, in sending the MS. of a catalogue to the printer, described an illustrated work, "Beauties of the Opera and Ballet," as having colored borders to each page. This the compositor transformed into "colored *barbers* to each page." Such a volume would truly be an "edition de luxe." We recommend the idea to enterprising publishers. The reader could enjoy a fresh shave every time he turned a new leaf.

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JOHN H. INGRAM is preparing a biography of Poe, which is to contain letters hitherto unprinted refuting what was said of him by his former biographer, Dr. Rufus W. Griswold.

THE May *Atlantic* has a poem by Prof. Lowell, on Agassiz, being eleven pages in length, and after the style of his celebrated "Commemoration Ode." In the same number a new department, of education, is commenced.

ONE "A P., the Amateur Vagabond," is to write of "The Mysteries of the Great Metropolis, etc." being the disguises and surprises of a New York journalist. The Appletons are to publish the volume by subscription.

"NORMANDY, Historical and Descriptive," is the subject of Mrs. Macquoid's new work, now in press. It is to be illustrated by her husband.

A CAREFUL and elaborate article on American literature has been prepared by Prof. John Nichol, B. A., L.L.D., of Glasgow University, for the new edition of the "Encyclopedia Britannica."

THE well-known Shakesperian scholar, Rev. H. N. Hudson, of Boston, as also Prof. Corson of Cornell University, have been appointed Vice-Presidents of the new Shakespeare Society in England.

THERE is to be published in Berlin an enlarged German version of Karl Blind's reputed essay, "German Minnesingers on the struggle between Kaiser and Pope," which appeared in the March *Fraser*.

"WORTHIES of All Soul's: Four centuries of Church History. Illustrated from the College Archives;" is the title of a work lately written by Prof. Montagu Burrows, of Oxford.

AN author writes us that in traveling from Philadelphia to New York lately, after purchasing a book from one of the train-boys, he returned shortly after, "and placing beside me a huge pile of books, many by no means trash, remarked that he would give me a good chance to stock my library as he was anxious to sell as many books as possible, a gold watch having been offered to the boy who would dispose of the most works in a given time, and he would, therefore, sell any or every book at a discount of twenty per cent., which he assured me was *the regular trade discount*." Our own experience is somewhat contrary to this. Many of the train-boys stand stiffer by the retail prices than the trade do.

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THE Messrs. Appleton have several books for next week, including a *fac-simile* reprint of that curious old book, "Ye Shyp of Fooles." At the same time, Carpenter's "Mental Physiology," already spoken of, and Krusi's Manual of Perspective, for teachers, to accompany that widely popular series, will appear.

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SCRIBNER, ARMSTRONG & CO. close their spring list with the issues of their next publication day, probably next week. These include Dr. Horace Bushnell's "Forgiveness and Law," the first volume of the Bric-a-brac Series, which is to be a beautiful set of books, and Lange on Revelations. Hon. George P. Marsh's work, and the new Erkmann-Chatrian story, go over till the Fall.

THE first edition of Sumner's "History of American Currency," published by Henry Holt & Co., is exhausted. The second edition will be ready by the end of this week.

[OFFICIAL.]

Publishers' Board of Trade,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

25 Bond Street, New York.

NEW YORK, April 21, 1874.

IN conformity with a resolution passed at the last regular meeting, there will be a special meeting to consider the report of the Committee on Reorganization, held in the Grand Central Hotel, New York, at half-past one o'clock on Thursday, April 30.

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Editorial Notes.

WE are glad to learn that another house is making practical efforts toward a reform of undersell-ing. Messrs. McLoughlin Bros., toy-book publishers, have communicated with their jobbers, suggesting that the discount to retailers should be confined on purchases of $200 and upwards to 20 per cent., in no case to exceed that amount, and on amounts less should vary according to the class of customers, the house agreeing to do all in its power to protect those who do, and declining to sell goods to those who do not, comply with this arrangement. Nearly all the jobbers have already entered into this agreement, and we trust the experiment will prove helpful to the trade, and finally to the public. The laws of trade assure the latter that under such a system competition will turn to giving them the best article for their money.

WE have from Mr. Gunn, Secretary of the American Book Trade Union, a postal card circular, which we reprint according to request:

AMERICAN BOOK TRADE UNION.
Secretary's Office, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

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By order of the Executive Committee,
J. W. GUNN, *Corresponding Secretary*,
Springfield, Ohio.

We trust this appeal will be generally responded to.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

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PROF. DAVID SWING'S sermons, "Truths for To-Day," have made a considerable hit, aided no doubt by the desire of people in general to find out for themselves whether this vigorous and attractive preacher is a heretic or not. Jansen, McClurg & Co. find their first edition of 2,000 already nearly exhausted, and a second, of as many more, is preparing.

MR. SWINBURNE'S "Bothwell" is complete. It will be lengthy, and will exceed the limits of a stage piece.

THE latest issue of the *Athenæum* contains a long letter from Dr. J. G. Holland, on international copyright, *apropos* of the printing of his "Arthur Bonnicastle," with a concluding chapter "by another hand," to evade the British copyright on the latter chapters, first published in that country for the purpose of receiving it. He concludes:

It is useless to quarrel with facts which one is powerless to remove; and I write this letter mainly to protest against the oppression of the authors of both countries on account of national failures and duty for which they they are not responsible. If the authors of Great Britain can make arrangements with American publishers which "the courtesy of the trade" protects, let us put nothing in their way, and help them all we can. If American authors can make arrangements with British publishers which, through a literal or a liberal construction of British law, can be protected, they certainly do something for justice, and furnish a better pavement for the progress of the nation toward a true position, than the threats and thefts of foreign publishers. Every publisher in American who has interfered with the purchased right of another in a British author's books has lost reputation with the trade by that act. It ought to be so abroad. If the authors of both countries cannot get what they ought to have, they should, at least, be permitted to get what they can, and not be ground to powder, as the unwilling grain, between the opposing interests of British and American paper-makers and book-publishers.

MR. JAMES CAMPBELL, Boston, Mass., has purchased the plates and copyright of Dr. Burnett's Translation of Von Siebold and H. Stannen's "Treatise on the Comparative Anatony of the Animal Kingdom," and will immediately proceed to prepare a limited edition for the market. This work has been pronounced by Profs. Agassiz, Silliman, Hitchcock, and other scientific and medical men, as the most complete work on the subject extant.

MR. F. F. BROWNE, editor and proprietor of the *Lakeside Monthly*, has published a card explaining that the long delay in issuing the February number of that magazine is due to his continued sickness, which will cause a suspension of the publication till next September.

MINISTER MOTLEY'S "John of Barneveld," and Schweinfurth's "Heart of Africa," are preparing for issue next week at the Harpers, with "A Fast Life on the Modern Highway," all previously spoken of. For this last Mr. Abbey has designed a clever cover.

Two or three juveniles of special interest are numbered among Dodd and Mead's forthcoming issues in this department. "Nothing to Nobody" is the clever title of one; another is a clever story, 'Little Boots," by the author of "The Old Back 'Room;" and two little stories of Mrs. Charles, author of the Schönberg-Cotta books, for some time out of print, will be republished, "Brother Bartholemew," or, "The United Brethren of Bohemia."

"POOR JACK" is to have another story written about him showing his wrongs; this time it is by Mrs. Sewell, England, and is entitled "Davie Blake the Sailor."

AN historical novel based upon the struggle of the South American colonies for independence, and the conspiracy of the sons of Bolivia and the Black Eagle in Cuba near the close of the first quarter of this century, is promised by Senor J. de Armas Cespedes, nephew of the Cuban President, and the writer of a paper in the latest *Galaxy*. The story promises some new and interesting revelations concerning the origin of the Monroe doctrine.

THERE is to be a meeting at Vienna of a company of Austrian writers to meditate on literary questions between France and Germany.

WITH the exception of the German, Hugo's 93 has been translated into nearly every living tongue, and now the *Gaulois* announces he has authorized "one of the invaders" to translate it for the semi-official journal of Bismarck at Strasbourg—a very unpatriotic proceeding thinks the *Gaulois*.

HENRY WIKOFF has a new book in Lippincott's press, entitled "The Four Civilizations of the World."

Not satisfied with the results of the labor of Croker and Malone, Mr. Percy Fitzgerald has set himself to the task of preparing a new edition of Boswell's Johnson, in which the original is to be exactly reproduced in spelling, punctuation, paragraphing, &c. All notes and alterations will be separated from such as are supplied from other sources.

A new German epic by Adolf Stern is devoted to Gutemberg, who hitherto has received but scant attention from the muses.

IT is said that the "Histoire due Romantisme," by Theophile Grantier, now publishing in Paris, has all the merits of consummate style and exquisite fancy, for which that author is so noted.

SAMPSON LOW, MARSTON & CO. have in press "The China Collector's Pocket Companion," by Mrs. Bury Palliser. It is meant to supply the want of a portable guide to marks and monograms, such as will prove very useful to the lovers of the ceramic art. This mania has so many devotees in America, that the announcement will be interesting here.

MR. PHILIP BOURKE MARSTON, the young English poet, a protege and devotee of the Rossetti-Morris coterie, is to bring out a second volume of poems.

THE speedy appearance of "Religion and the State" (Estes & Lauriat) is looked forward to with interest by those interested in the much vexed question of church taxation and exemption. The well-known Baptist divine, Alvah Hovey, D.D., President of the Newton Theological Institution, is the author, and he promises to throw light on that and on other kindred topics.

TESTIMONIAL TO JAMES SANGSTER, ESQ.—At the Crystal Palace, on Jan. 8th, an interesting gathering took place, of the agents, travelers, and employés connected with the well-known publishing firm of Sangster & Co., 31 Paternoster Row, for the purpose of presenting to J. Sangster, Esq., the principal of the firm, a beautiful and costly silver tea and coffee service and salver, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to James Sangster, Esq., by his agents, travelers and employés in Great Britain and America, to celebrate the happy event of his fiftieth birthday, and to show their high regard for his personal worth, his business enterprise and his thoughtful and valued friendship." The presentation was made in the presence of numerous friends, by a gentleman from the north of England (who had been connected with the firm for nearly a quarter of a century), sustained by others from various parts of the kingdom. Mr. Sangster acknowledged the testimonial in a few choice and feeling words. The service had been subscribed for by forty or fifty friends, almost all of them engaged in the business of the firm.—*The London Bookseller*. Messrs. Sangster & Co. are the publishers of Knights' England, a new edition of which has been issued in this country by Messrs. Estes & Lauriat, of Boston, by arrangement with the London publishers.

THE cover of Auerbach's "Waldfried," nearly ready at Henry Holt & Co.'s, is "the event of 1874," as Barnum would put it, in binding. A light linen cloth, similar to that of the "Leisure Hour Series," is used, on which there is stamping in five colors, gold, silver, black, red and blue. All these are employed in the imperial coat of arms which occupies the centre of the otherwise plain cover. It is the most elaborate and striking piece of cloth binding we have ever seen.

MR. WINWOOD READE, the *Quiver* correspondent, is to do the Ashantee war into a book—the fifty-eleventh, more or less, on the subject.

THE reason of M. Hugo's publishing "93" at his own risk, through Levy, was the work of the Authors' Society, under which a sale is only of a limited edition, after which the author may sell again. This first sale was offered by Hugo for 120,000 francs, but Levy preferred to take the per cent. commission as Hugo's agent. The French issue is in three volumes, at eighteen francs.

Agassiz Memorial.

AN enterprise of the greatest importance to the cause of education, and one which appeals not only to the liberality but also to the interest of every one, has recently been started in Boston. It has been suggested to us to bring it before the book trade, and ask for it their aid and sympathy. It is designed to collect sufficient funds to endow the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, founded by the late Prof. Agassiz, with an amount large enough to derive an income out of which the expenses of maintaining the Museum may be paid. This museum rivals, in the extent and value of its collections, the best institutions of Europe, and is always open to teachers at all seasons of the year. Louis Agassiz devoted to its foundation the best years of his life, and fruits of his genius: no better memorial of him could stand than this evidence of his noble heart and mind. Every American, therefore, should help towards its perpetuation, remembering, in doing so, he is giving valuable and permanent assistance to the cause of education, and securing a lasting tribute to the memory of Agassiz. Circulars are already distributed, calling upon teachers and pupils throughout the United States to join, on the anniversary of Agassiz's birthday, May 28, 1874, in contributing to the fund, which will be called the "Teachers' and Pupils' Memorial Fund." Every one, however, whether he can give much or little, is cordially invited to unite in this tribute. We hope the trade will not be behind-hand with their mite, and will lend whatever other support may be within their province to the forwarding of the enterprise. Remittances may be addressed to James M. Barnard, Treasurer, Room 4, No. 13 Exchange street, Boston.

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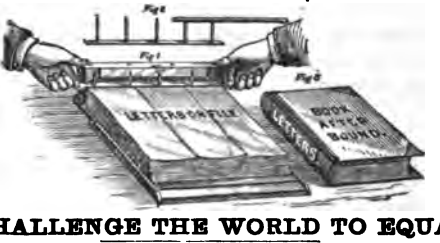

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The Alternative.

It is not so unfrequently as might be supposed that we come across, in our intercourse with publishers, a total misapprehension of the drift of our course on underselling. We are told that it is scarcely worth while to foster the notions of a few Western booksellers, as though these were all concerned in the matter. We have said, time and time again, that we advocate the reform in question as a measure vital throughout the trade, and therefore most to the advantage of publishers, since they are the largest dealers. The importance of the Cincinnati Convention was not in its *personel*, but in the principles it put forward. Most of the points of its platform we believe to be of primary importance, and look to see them adopted by the trade as the only true remedy for its present and increasing difficulties.

It has, however, been suggested—and the question had already suggested itself to us—whether an attempt to reform the trade in this particular is not in opposition to the conditions of business in these days of the railroad, express, post-office, and telegraph; whether, in fact, the book business is not reorganizing itself to fit a new state of things. There is apparent force in this argument, especially

to those who believe, as we do, that these natural changes indicate healthful progress. But we do not think the argument holds of the book trade. The outcome of this view would be in setting a publisher's price (corresponding to the present wholesale prices) at which he would sell to any one who would buy, and letting local buyers pay the local dealer an added margin for his services as middleman. This would reduce the book business to the same basis, eventually, as the trades in groceries and dry goods.

But there are several reasons why the book business can not be carried on in this way. It may suffice to state that in the case of groceries and dry goods, each lot is different from others and must be judged by itself, besides which, the cost of freight and the inconveniences of purchasing at a distance are sufficient inducements to the local buyer to patronize the local dealer. But a book is not only a sample, but an identical pattern, of its whole class; the buyer orders with perfect surety as to what he is to get, and gets it easily by mail and at the cost of the seller. The local library is a sort of repository of samples, the newspapers describe the book accurately, and taking all together, the selection of what is wanted from a local stock is not of sufficient importance to support a resident bookseller. The final result of all this will be to do away with the booksellers, as a trade, entirely.

If books were necessaries of life, that must be bought in certain quantities, this would be, from the politico-commercial stand-point, a good thing. Although more men would be required at the centre of trade and in transportation, there would probably be a certain balance of workers set free to become direct producers. But this is not true of books. They are, above a very small *minimum*, a luxury from the business point of view, and a market has to be made for them. In a great and growing country like this, the difference between a book trade managed from centres and one distributed really might amount to fifty per cent. The crippling of the booksellers would be not only a trade, but a national, calamity, because they have thus an educational function of the first value.

This is then the alternative before the trade, whether it shall reform its system now or be broken down. We have spoken all along, in these discourses, from the publishers' and public's side chiefly. The public can no more afford to have that extremely useful class, the booksellers, disposed of, than can the publishers. It is a very plain alternative, in which it seems to us there is but one choice.

While we are upon these explanations, it may be well to treat of one more point. We have been amicably taken to task for going outside the province of an organ of the trade in criticizing the acts of individual houses in it. We have never given names, and do not intend to, but we have expressed opinions, favorable and unfavorable, on measures in which only one house is concerned. In a certain sense, as we have before said, no one has any right to criticize any man's business so long as he transgresses no moral law. Our position is this, that we are urging a reform which is notably to the interest of the trade, and most to that of its best houses. If we are debarred in this discussion from treating of the relations of individual measures to the general trade interest, always required that it be properly done, we are really debarred from any serviceable discussion. As an organ of the trade, it is our duty to treat of such matters, and it is the best houses which should support us, so long as we speak honestly, wisely, and in proper tone. Are we not right?

The Uniform Trade List Annual for 1874-1875.

THE editor has the pleasure of calling the attention of the trade to the prospectus of the UNIFORM TRADE LIST ANNUAL for 1874–75. The TRADE LIST ANNUAL for 1873, as a useful enterprise to the trade, if not a very profitable one to the editor and publisher, has been a thorough success. For several months after the publication of the volume, orders were received daily, and the demand has not ceased to-day. Unfortunately hundreds of booksellers, not having paid attention to the only safe rule which makes such publication possible—viz., to limit the edition according to subscription—had neglected to secure copies in advance and were thus disappointed, as no copy could be supplied from this office after publication day.

It is to be hoped, now that it is no more an experiment, the value and usefulness of the TRADE LIST ANNUAL having been thoroughly tested, that subscriptions will come forward *promptly*. It is desirable that the subscription list be closed at the earliest date possible, in order to enable us to give sufficient time to the publishers for the preparation of their lists, and to place the ANNUAL in the hands of the trade *before the opening* of the busy season. Belated subscriptions were chiefly the cause of the delay as well as the incompleteness of last year's ANNUAL. Subscribers will please remember that the more time and security given for the preparation of the work, the more completely and satisfactorily it can be accomplished.

Any suggestions of practical improvements will be thankfully received and considered. We are impatiently awaiting the BRITISH REFERENCE CATALOGUE, which, for the first time, is to do for England what the TRADE LIST ANNUAL has done for the United States. Should the former contain any improvement, it will, if possible, be adopted for the forthcoming ANNUAL. The latter, however, will present a feature which the British compan

probably will not contain, in its *Alphabetical Reference List of Books published and reported* from Jan. 15, 1873, to July 1, 1874—a feature which alone is fully worth the price of subscription.

THE special agreement among S.S. book publishers, having been generally signed, created a considerable demand for this class of books from those who buy for a rising market. The agreement goes into effect May 1st, and binds the parties thereto not to sell any juvenile or Sunday-school books to the trade at a greater discount than 40 and 10 per cent. from retail list prices, except on special bills of $500 and upwards, at retail list prices, purchased at one time, in which case the discount given shall not exceed 50 per cent. The above are understood to be cash rates, and there is to be no further inducement of any kind. The difficulty with this arrangement is that the discounts are not small enough to prevent underselling, though they protect the publishers among each other.

A COMMUNICATION in "The Library Corner" notes the desire of many librarians for a continuation of "Poole's Index." We wish this valuable work could be bought up to date, and shall be glad to have subscriptions offered to Mr. Poole through that department of THE WEEKLY; but from our own success with the Finding List subscriptions, we are not hopeful of the result.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

More Underselling Grievances.

PHILADELPHIA, April 23, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

DEAR SIR: The following aggravated instances of the evil produced in the public mind by underselling may be of interest:

Some time since we received from a member of a wholesale grocery firm in Cleveland a request for a general catalogue, coupled with this remark: "For the past two years I have been buying books in *Boston* at list price, with discount of from 25 to 40 per cent. Can you do as well, or better?" Of course the response was that we could not "do as well" as Boston, not desiring to interfere with her legitimate trade. Again, very lately, we received from a person in a small town of Illinois, signing himself as "*Dentist*," an order for about five dollar's worth of our own publications, if at "*one-third off list price!*"

In this connection, it seems to us that one bad symptom of the demoralization of trade is the offer of certain journals to supply any book by mail. Not a very dangerous, but a suggestive instance of this is the advertisement of a small periodical published in this city by a *boy*, offering to send by mail, *post-paid*, any of a certain list of books, or *any book published*, at prices varying from 10 to 33⅓ per cent. below the retail. Of course this can only be done by an arrangement with some bookseller, but it is astonishing that any house should be willing to undertake so petty a business. Where are we going?

Very truly,

PUBLISHERS & BOOKSELLERS.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, April 27.—A coincidence is to be noted in connection with a book shortly to be published by J. B. Lippincott & Co. I allude to the "Concordance to Shakespeare's Poems," by Mrs. Horace Howard Furness. The great concordance to Shakespeare's works is by a lady, Mrs. Cowden Clarke, whose laborious compilation is to be found in almost every library, and now what will happily prove a companion volume, is due to the industry of another lady. Mrs. Furness has given a great deal of attention to the early English poets and dramatists, and her labor on the poems of Shakespeare has been one of love. Mr. Furness, her husband, is well known in connection with the Variorum edition of Shakespeare's works which he is issuing, the volumes of which it is to be hoped will one day be published at a popular price, so as to be within the reach of poor students.

Gebbie & Barrie have completed their Boydel Gallery, and a very handsome book it is. I may also add that it has been a very successful venture. It is the first book of any pretentions published on this side of the Atlantic in which a photographic process has been employed for the illustrations, and it clearly demonstrates what may be done in that direction. They are about to issue another work in parts, the "Wilkie Gallery," with illustrations engraved on steel. Many of the illustrations have been specially engravad for the work, which will be an Imperial 4to, uniform in size with the Boydell. Sir David Wilkie occupies a position in art very similar to that of Dickens in literature. His most successful pictures were those in which he took for subjects the common everyday life of the poorer classes. They are a double source of pleasure, because while we may, from an artistic standpoint, admire their merits as paintings, their simple, unexaggerated truthfulness to life is a touchstone by which our keenest sympathies are instantly awakened. Such compositions as "Blind Man's Buff," "Reading the Will," "The Parish Beadle," "Distraining for Rent," and others of that class, require no interpretation. The meaning of the artist is patent the moment the picture is presented to us. The dullest observer is brought into instant communion with the spirit of the work, while the connoisseur alone knows the infinite genius and skill which has been required to produce the result. Later in his career Wilkie changed his style, seeking to emulate the depth and coloring of the old masters. Many of his later subjects were chosen from Spanish and Oriental scenes, in which, however, he is far less happy than in his earlier productions. The steel engravings contained in the "Gallery" are very finely executed and are beautifully printed. Each part will contain three illustrations and several pages of letter-press, and will be published at $1.

From art to jurisprudence is a long stride in ethics, but not in bookselling, where Tom Paine may fraternally rub shoulders with Paley without mutual inconvenience. Kay & Bros. have an extensive flock of sheep-bound volumes in preparation, of which the first to appear will be a second edition of "A Treatise on the Law of Homicide in the United States, with an Appendix of Leading Cases," by Francis Wharton, LL.D. Their other announcements include "A Treatise on the Law of Negligence, embracing English and American Authorities," by Francis Wharton; "The Proceedings in an Action at Law in Pennsylvania," by Hon. George Sharswood, edited by George Sharswood, Jr.; "Elements of the Law of Contracts," by S. M. Leake, with American notes by Francis Rawle, Esq., and Henry Reed, Esq.; "A Treatise on the Law of Notice as applied in Equity, in controlling the Acquisition and Enjoyment of Titles, iucluding the Doctrine of Purchase for Value, and of Equitable Assignments," by George Tucker Bispham, Esq.; "The Pennsylvania Act of 1853 for the Sale of Real Estate," by Eli K. Price, Esq.; "A Treatise on the Legal and Equitable Rights of Married Women," by William H. Cord, Esq., second edition; and "A Treatise on the Law of Executors and Administrators," by Edward Vaughan Williams, Judge, sixth edition, with notes and references by J. C. Perkins, LL.D., 2 vols.

Henry Flanders' "Treatise on the Law of Fire Insurance" has enjoyed the unusual good fortune for a law book, of reaching a second edition within eighteen months of its first appearance. The new edition has been thoroughly revised, and the latest cases embodied. Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger will publish it shortly. By the time this is in print, Porter & Coates will have published Madame Schwartz' new novel, "Gerda, or the Children of Work." Their advance orders for the book have been very large. "The Sportsman's Club Afloat," the new volume of the Harry Castlemon books, has also appeared. The gold medal awarded T. Ellwood Zell for his Encyclopædia, at the Vienna Exposition, has arrived in Philadelphia. It is a substantial nugget, weighing four ounces, but is not remarkable for its artistic execution.

T. B. Peterson & Bros.' announcements for May are as follows: "The Planter's Daughter," by Mrs. Eliza A. Dupuy; "Love and Liberty," a tale of '92 and '93, by Alexander Dumas; "Margaret Hamilton," by Mrs. C. J. Newby; and "The Conscript," by Alexander Dumas. These will be followed by "The Autobiography of Edward Wortley Montague," with a preface by Dr. R. Shelton Mackenzie; and "The Tower of London," by William Harrison Ainsworth, with illustrations.

J. V. W.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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CONQUEST OF PERU, by W. H. Prescott, edited by J. Foster Kirk. (J. B. Lippincott & Co.) The first volume of the above work has only been issued as yet. It will, completed, form the third work of the new edition, now publishing with the author's latest corrections. It is a pleasure to merely handle the volumes of this edition, the entire get-up evinces such exquisite taste. 12mo, cloth, $2.25.

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LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

MR. ALBERT MASON, of the well-known firm of Mason, Baker & Pratt, is again at his post, with restored health. His many friends will be glad to know his trip abroad has benefited him.

MR. HENRY M. WYNKOOP, formerly with Lee, Shepard & Dillingham, is now the agent of Henry L. Hinton & Co., having severed all business connections with the first named firm.

THE story that has been circulating through the papers that "Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, on account of ill-health, will not give to the public anything from her pen for several years to come" is authoritatively denied, as Mrs. Stowe is in excellent health, and will soon commence in the *Christian Union* "We and our Neighbors," a story in part illustrating the temperance agitation, on which she has been working the past year.

THE lectures of Prof. Peabody, of Harvard College, on "Christianity and Science," lately delivered in Dr. Adams' Church, New York, on the Ely Foundation of the Union Theological Seminary, are to be published in the early Autumn by Robert Carter Brothers, uniform with Dr. McCosh's "Christianity and Positivism" of the same series. These lectures, setting forth the evidences of Christianity with great originality, clearness, and force, were listened to during their delivery with unflagging interest by clergymen of various denominations, judges, lawyers, medical and unprofessional men, and ladies also. To these, and to the large outside public who were not privileged to hear them, the volume will be cordially welcome.

A VERY handsome compliment is paid to American Scholarship in a circular of many well-known Birmingham men, commending Mr. Furness' Shakespeare: "So elaborate and costly a publication can, under no circumstances, repay its editor for his labor of love and his untiring industry; and it is, therefore, thought desirable, in the interests of international literature, that an edition of Shakespeare edited and printed in America, so well worthy of support, should be more widely known."

RANDOLPH has become the publisher of "The Lectures to Educated Hindus," delivered by Prof. Julius H. Seelye during his late visit to India.

A NEW and revised English edition of Stanley's "How I found Livingstone," to contain a long introductory chapter on the death of Dr. Livingstone, and a memoir and extracts from Dr. Livingstone's last correspondence with Mr. Stanley, will soon appear.

BY a misunderstanding we printed Oliver's "American Precedents" in our list of books published; the publishers, Dresser, McLellan & Co., Portland, now inform us that it will not be ready until June 15th.

LIBRARY CORNER.

"The Library Corner" seems *the* place to agitate the subject of a new edition of "Poole's Index to Periodical Literature." Librarians on all sides express a great desire for such an index, brought up to date. Quite a large number are making MSS. supplements, expensive and troublesome in making, and cumbrous and unsatisfactory in use. Now, in an age of cheap printing, it seems economy to have this work done, and it may be done if those who feel the need will respond with subscriptions enough to justify publication. One who has really used Poole's will hardly go without something of the kind, and could afford a liberal subscription rather than make MSS. supplements. The American and English libraries need and ought to have at once an index list down to date, supplemented each year hereafter, and as often as each ten years condensed into one alphabet. We might very properly look to the Congressional Library to produce the work, but just now things are not well situated at Washington much extra labor in the library. I have talked with quite a number of American librarians and find a strong feeling in favor of an early publication. Mr. Poole, I understand, has the work in an advanced stage, and could probably be induced to publish. I propose a subscription list in the "Corner" after the plan of the Finding List subscription. Prof. Montague, Librarian of Amherst College, says he wants six copies and will start the list with $100, rather than not have them. Let us hear from our large libraries which have incomes of dollars where Amherst has dimes, and the Index will be forthcoming. Who will follow the lead of Amherst? M. B.

AMHERST, Mass., has a new free library, whose history, in summary, may help some other town desirous of a like institution. In January, 1873, a few persons feeling the need, organized a Book Club of 24 members, paying each $5 into the book fund and agreeing to give their books to a free library when it should be established. In the summer the book club held a three days' fair, furnishing dinner and supper each day beside. This cleared, above expenses, $700, and was in itself so thoroughly enjoyable to all concerned that it paid for itself again. Then a "Library Association" was formed, all becoming members who gave above $5 toward the prospective library. During the summer and fall the old book club had held, every week or two, public library meetings, both in the centre of the town and in the school-houses of adjoining parts, they calling attention to the need of a library, so that when the subscription paper was passed around, $700 more was raised and the library really started. Many books were at once presented and continue to come in, as is always the case in every free library, and $1,000 expended on books secured about 1,000 volumes at the liberal discount of 1-3 and 5 per cent. for cash. Two very pleasant rooms were rented for $75; $200 more fitted them with cases, tables, newspaper files, carpet, stove, lamps, &c.; about $100 more supplied a selection of the best periodicals; 300 copies of the catalogue of 28 pages cost $28; book plates, rules, &c., cost $12 more. Miss Beaman gives her service as librarian for $50 a year, and a young man of public spirit opens the reading-room each evening without any compensation. The rooms are very pleasant, and crowds visit the library. Amherst is largely indebted for the excellent arrangements of its library to Dr. Cate, who visited in its interest several of the best-managed free libraries, getting methods and suggestions which he has with economy and good judgment applied to the library at Amherst.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

NEW YORK CITY.—Waldron & Payne have removed their printing business from 37 Park Row to No. 4 St. Mark's Place (American Church Press Co.), where they are prepared to do book and job printing in all its branches.

NEW YORK CITY.—Mr. Henry S. Allen, formerly a member of the firm of Leavitt & Allen Bros., whose partnership expired by limitation February last, has established himself at No. 136 Eighth street, very near Broadway, with a view to publishing subscription books. He has in preparation, as his first venture, a History of America, from its earliest discovery to the present time, by eminent and popular authors, containing upward of 1000 pages, 4to., fully illustrated with photo-engravings from steel plates by our best artists.

Stationery Department.

MAY 2, 1874.

Published in the first number of each month.

Stationery and Fancy Goods.

THE trade in Stationery and Fancy Goods during the past month has been very dull, and both dealers and importers complain that unless there is a great revival of trade, many will be placed in a very tight position.

It was anticipated that the Spring would bring about a revival of business, but in this there has been a general dissappointment owing to many circumstances. It was thought that the currency question then pending would have been settled in time to have allowed the trade to recuperate and bring about the ordinary Spring demand. But Congressional action came too late and unless the matter was finally decided by the presidential veto, the time was passed, and all hope of Spring trade gone with it. This is probably the chief cause of the present dullness, but there may be added another, that is the final effect of the late panic. This monetary convulsion struck so deep and disturbed the finances of the country to such an extent that recovery cannot be so quick as many thought it would be. Money and credit have not yet returned to their customary channels, and until this comes about business must suffer.

The situation, however, is mending every day, and the system of strict credits have been so universally adopted, will undoubtedly hasten the desired end. It would be well if the trade generally refused to return to the former system of long credits, as it is not a safe business principle, and certainly not to be depended upon at any time when an extra pressure is brought to bear upon the market. But now thirty days' cash, or credit not exceeding ninety days is the plan almost universally adopted, but the latter time only give in the most approved cases. If this rule is adhered to it will do much toward removing the present depression.

In stationery there is nothing new upon the market, and as we have said no trade doing, except in standard articles. The season has been wonderfully unproductive of novelties from the fact that manufacturers have been unwilling to invest their capital in enterprises that seemed doubtful. Many of the large wholesale houses sent out their travelers over a month ago to endeavor to drum up trade in the smaller towns and the rural districts, but the results were so meagre that most of them have been recalled. They report that the country trade is as dull as in the cities, and that those who have stock left from last season prefer to sell it off even at a loss in preference to purchasing new goods.

Spring trade in fact is looked upon as lost, and such being the case nothing is expected until the Fall trade begins, unless it be small orders through the Summer, from those who need the goods to satisfy immediate demands.

The fancy goods trade is circumstanced about the same as the stationery trade. Dealers complain of a lack of business, and aver that they have never experienced so dull a season. Some few cases of samples have arrived from Paris, London, and Vienna, but owing to the prevailing stagnation the samples have not been exposed. We are, therefore, unable to give any idea of the prevailing styles, but we are told that they are very handsome, and that skins and leather will predominate for Winter goods.

Bags, valises, umbrellas, flasks, and the ordinary run of travelers' goods which should now meet with a ready sale share the general stagnation, and only such goods are sold as meet the immediate wants of the retailer. The importers are waiting patiently until the Fall and are satisfied to keep their new goods quiet until that time. They then expect a good trade which will more than compensate them for the present.

We desire to call attention to the removal of Mr. Willy Wallach, for many years established at No. 41 John Street. Mr. Wallach has secured the extensive establishment known as No. 36 Park Row, No. 143 Nassau Street and No. 4 Beekman Street. Here Mr. Wallach will engage in a general wholesale jobbing and retail trade and endeavor to sustain that reputation for fine goods which he has always enjoyed.

McLOUGHLIN BROS. present to the trade a number of new games, of "Nations," "Old Maid," "The Spider and the Fly," and "Authors, improved," $3.00 per doz., the first of which is arranged in suits like the ordinary playing cards, and can be used as a substitute. The well-known popularity of their issues will make these goods sought after by the trade. The house has also some new series of linen books, four kinds in 12mo. at 25 c., twelve kinds in 12mo. at 35 c., twelve kinds in 8vo. at 50 c., and four kinds in 4to. at 60 c., besides binding up Aunt Louisa's favorite stories in one volume, cloth, $2, and issuing a new "Mother Goose set to Music" at $1.

English Novelties.

From Perry's Monthly Price Current.

PERRY & CO.'S VITROGRAPH PENCIL.—This is a pencil constructed upon an entirely new principle, which enables the user to write with a blue or yellow mark upon shop windows, porcelain, metal, or other vitrous surface, such as paper, wood, &c. It resembles an eraser in appearance —can be sharpened with a knife like other pencils, and as a marker on woven textures it will rank amongst the very foremost novelties of the day. It cannot fail to commend itself to the trade and to shippers, as it retails at 3d. each.

PARLOR ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.—We have received from Moon & Co. this amusing and instructive apparatus, which enables any one, young or old, to understand the electric principle of the telegraph, and how it is worked. It comprises a single-needle instrument, with alphabet on dial, mahogany stand, galvanic battery, connecting wires, and full instructions complete in a small box, not bigger than a snuff-box. Undoubtedly this is a marvellously entertaining, instructive, and scientific toy, designed to call out and cultivate the reflective and reasoning power of children. When we mention that it can be retailed at 1s. 6d., we should think it would find a welcome as a companion for the family and the fireside in many a home, and even in schools. The same firm are bringing out two others of the same kind, one to retail at 5s., the other, a perfect model of the post-office instrument, and in the general estimation not a whit behind it, as far as merit and completeness is concerned. This retails at one guinea. Sold by Perry & Co.

STATIONERY PRICE-CURRENT.

The following List, including only the most prominent articles, will be gradually completed according to the encouragement our endeavors—to represent the Stationery and accessory trades, as well as the Book-trade—may receive from the Manufacturers, Importers, and Wholesale Dealers in these particular branches. Suggestions are solicited from the Retail trade as well as from Wholesale Dealers.

The Price-Current will, until further notice, appear monthly, in the Stationery Number of the Publishers' Weekly (the first number of each month).

ADJUSTABLE BOOK COVERS.

Will fit any book. Useful for everybody. Per 100.....$1.75
For 500, with Dealer's advertisement.....10.00
For 1,000, " " 18.00

PERFORATED LIBRARY NUMBERS.

3-16 in. size, runs 1 to 10,000. Per 100..... .10
5-16 " " 1 to 1,000. " ..... .10
½ " " " " " ..... .20

BLOTTERS.

Dreka's Dictionary Blotter.

	Per Doz.
No. 201; size, 9 by 6; French morocco	$11.00
" 202; " 10½ " 9; "	13.75
" 203; " 13 " 9½; "	16.25
" 301; " 9 " 6; English cloth	7.40
" 302; " 10½ " 9; "	8.50
" 303; " 13 " 9½; "	9.35
" 601; " 9 " 6; fine Russia	32.75
" 602; " 10½ " 9; "	47.25
" 603; " 13 " 9½; "	63.75
" 801; " 9 " 6; fine Calf	22.25
" 802; " 10½ " 9; "	30.75
" 803; " 13 " 9½; "	39.00

CARDS.

Playing Cards.

A. Dougherty's.

Nos.	
1. Steamboats, assorted star and calico backs	$ 24.00
3. No. 2 Highlanders, assorted star and calico backs	28.00
4. Eurekas, assorted star and calico backs	31.00
9. Decaturs, assorted star and calico backs	48.00
12. Star Eagle, half linen, assorted star and calico backs	72.00
13. Star Eagle, pure linen, assorted backs	168.00
26. Star Eagle, pure linen, assorted backs, extra quality (squared)	168.00
6. Great Mogul, fancy backs	40.00
33. Eagle, American flag back, enamelled	54.00
23. Decatur, fancy backs, enamelled	48.00
16. Great Mogul, fancy backs, enamelled	54.00
35. Great Mogul (Euchre), fancy backs, enamelled.	54.00
36. Great Mogul, Solo, fancy backs, enamelled	48.00
17. Harry the Eighth, fancy backs, super-enamelled	72.00
30. Eagle, fancy backs, extra enamelled, in gold	96.00
31. Great Mogul, illuminated backs, extra super-enamelled	84.00
34. Great Mogul, illuminated faces, and backs in gold	130.00
38 Great Mogul, cotton-plant backs and gold spots, extra super-enamelled	150.00
40 Convey Corners	96.00

Goodall's London Cards.

BEST QUALITY.

	Per doz.		Per doz.
Geranium	$15.00	Mogul, series, 400, 401	$15.00
Apple Blossom	15.00	Cherry Bloom	14.00
Canadian Arms	15.00	Japanese Figure	14.00
Tiger Lily	15.00	Hazel Nut	14.00
National	15.00	Mistletoe	14.00
Palace	15.00	109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116	$11.00
Holly	$14.00	Gold back	9.75
Butterfly	14.00	Florigated, Light	9.75
Mogul series 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313	14.00	Florigated, Dark	9.75
Fern	11.00	Floral	9.75
Shakespeare	11.00	Gold Star	9.75
City of London	11.00	Small Star	9.25
Moguls, series 204, 205, 206, 207, 208	11.00	Tinted Enamel, Blue, Green, Pink, Violet, and White	9.00
Moguls series, 107, 108,			

SECOND QUALITY.

	Per doz.		Per doz.
Moguls, series A, Dark and Light	$8.75	Florigated, Dark	$9.00
Moguls, series B Dark and Light	8.75	Gold Florigated	9.00
Florigated, Light	9.00	Gold Floral	9.00
		Floral	9.00

DOMESTICS.

	Per gross.		Per gross.
Mount Vernons	$72.00	Virginias	$36.00
Golden Gates	54.00	Broadways	28.00
Columbias (Euchre packs)	48.00	Regattas, Bichromatics	24.00
Gen. Jacksons, No. 1.	40.00	Steamships, Bichromatics	22.00
Gen. Jacksons, Sporting	42.00		

Visiting Cards.

(51 Cards in Pack.)

	Per doz. packs.
XX Bristol, 1	$1.50
XX Bristol, 2	1.60
XX Bristol, 2½	1.80
XX Bristol, 3	2.00
XX Bristol, 3½	2.12
XX Bristol, 4	2.25
Mill Bristol, 2½	1.00
Mill Bristol, 3	1.25
Mill Bristol, 3½	1.50

Wedding Cards.

Wedding Cards, square, per doz. packs	$2.75 to $10.00
Wedding Envelopes, square, per gross	1.90
Wedding Billets, per ream	4.50
Tying Wedding Cards, per 100	3.00

CRAYONS.

	Per gross.
Blackboard, Waltham, White	$ .15
Blackboard, Waltham, Assorted Colors	1.10
Steatite	1.00

ERASERS.

(*Steel.*)

Rodgers' 4 inch Cocoa	$3.75
" 5 " "	4.25
" 4 " Bone	4.25
" 5 " "	4.75
Superb, 4 " Cocoa	2.25
" 5 " "	2.50
" 4 " Bone	3.25
" 5 " "	3.50
" Knife Blade Cocoa	3.00
" " Bone	4.00

FILES.

Ready Reference Files.

No.			Doz.
0,	cloth covered,	3 x 7	$1.05
1	"	3 x 8	1.15
2	"	3½ x 8	1.32
3	"	4 x 9	1.63
4	"	4½x10½	1.90

U. S. Standard Bill Files.

No.		Doz.
170,	8½x 3	$2.40
303,	8½x 3½	2.80
404,	9 x 4	3.20

Bill Files.

No.			Doz.
1,	Bronze Base,	straight	$3.30
2	"	with slide	3.60
3	"	" hook	4.25
4	"	canceller	4.50

GAMES.

Backgammon Boards.

Leather, 2 in nest, per nest	$2.75
Leather, 3 in nest, per nest	3.50
Leather, 2 in extra, per nest	$4.50 to 9.00
Morocco Paper, each	1.00 to 1.25

Checker-Men.

	Per doz.
Box-Wood	$1.75
Turned Wood	1.25

Chess-Men.

	Per doz.
Bone, German	$7.50 to $36.00
Wood, German	9.00 to 15.00
Santon, German	18.00 to 36.00

Dominoes.

	Per doz.
Bone, ordinary quality, ebony back	$3.00 to $6.00
Bone, good quality, ebony back	6.00 to 12.00
Bone, Mahogany boxes	6.00 to 18.00

INKS AND FLUIDS.

Arnold's Writing Fluids.

	Per doz.
Quarts	$5.25
Pints	3.25
Half pints	1.75
4 oz.	1.00
Cones	.60

Arnold's Copying Ink.

	Per doz.
Quarts	$10.00
Pints	5.50
Half pints	3.75

"B" Copying Ink.

	Per doz.
Quarts	$5.50
Pints	3.25

Carter's Combined Writing and Copying Ink.

	Per doz.
Quarts	$8.00
Pints	5.00
Half pints	3.00
4 oz.	2.00
Cones	.75

Discount, 15 per cent.

David's Writing Inks.

	Per doz.
Black, Blue, and Violet, 2 oz. oct. stands	$ .75
" " " 4 oz. bottles	1.25
" " " 6 oz. bottles	1.55
" " " 8 oz. bottles	2.00
" " " pint bottles	3.50
" " " quart bottles	6.00
" " " half gallon jugs	12.00
" " " 1 gallon jugs	24.00
Carmine Ink, 1 oz., draped stands	2.00
" No. 1—1 oz., cork stopper	2.50
" No. 2—2 oz., cork stopper	3.50
" No. 1—1 oz., ground stopper	3.50
" No. 3—2 oz., "	5.00
" No. 4—4 oz., "	8.00
" No. 5—8 oz., "	15.00
" pints "	24.00
" quarts "	48.00

Discount, 20 per cent.

Copying Ink, 8 oz. stone bottles	3.00
" pint "	5.00
" quart "	9.00
Red Writing Ink, 1 oz. bottles	1.00
" " 2 oz. bottles	2.00
Writing Fluid, 2 oz. stone stands	1.00
" 8 oz. stone bottles	3.00
" pints	4.50
" quarts	8.00
" half gallon stone jugs	15.00
" 1 gallon stone jugs	30.00

Indelible Ink, etc.

	Per doz.
Brigg's Indelible Ink	$2.25
Brigg's Glass Marking Pen	2.25
Clark's Indelible Pencil	2.00
Payson's Indelible Ink	2.25
Payson's Combination (Ink and Pen)	5.00

Stephen's Fluid and Copying.

	Per doz.
Blue-Black Writing Fluid, quarts	$5.25
" " pints	3.25
" " half pints	1.75
" Copying Fluid, quarts	10.00
" " pints	5.50
" " half pints	3.25

Veuve Adrien Maurin et G. Toiray, Inks.

La Syrienne Violet Black Copying, quarts	$9.00
" " " " " " pints	6.00
La Persane Jet Black Writing Fluid, quarts	9.00
" " " " " " pints	6.00

INK STANDS.

	Per doz.
Flat Glass Inks, 2½ in	$1.00
" " 3 in	1.15
" " 3½ in	1.30
" " 4 in	1.70
" " 4½ in	2.13
" " 5 in	2.58
" " 5½ in	3.05
" " 6 in	3.53

Cocoa Pocket Inks, No. 2	1.60
" " No. 3	1.50
Silliman's School, No. 1	1.30
" No. 2	1.20
" No. 3	1.08
Silliman's Academic	4.05
" Mechanic	2.25
Common Sense, No. 1	12.00
" No. 2	6.00
" No. 3	4.50
The "Magic" Inkstand	16.00
Barometer, with rack	$16.20
" without "	13.50
Irving, with "	12.00
" without "	10.20

Ground Glass Stoppered.

	No.	In.	
Round,	308,	1	$2.40
"	"	2	3.02
"	"	2	3.60
"	"	2½	4.25
"	"	3	5.40
"	"	3½	7.20
"	"	4	8.32
"	"	4½	11.00
Sq. Cut Inks.		1	6 02
"	"	2	5.75
"	"	3	4.82
"	"	4	4.25

MUCILAGE.

	Per doz.
David's, No. 1—8 oz	$5.00
" No. 2—3 oz	2.00
" No. 3—3 oz	1.75
" Bill Sticker, 3	1.50
" pints	6.00
" quarts	11.00
" gallon jugs	42.00

Discount, 20 per cent.

PAPER.

Blotting Paper.

	Per ream.
White or Colored, 60 lbs	$15.00
" 80 lbs	20.00
" 100 lbs	25.00
" 120 lbs	30.00
White, in pads, per dozen packages	.75 c. to 1.00

Drawing Papers.

German.

	Per quire.
Cap, 14x17	$ .35
Demy, 15x20	.45
Medium, 17x22	.60
Royal, 19x24	.80

Whatman's.

	Per quire.
Cap, 14x17	$ .55
Demy, 15x20	.90
Medium, 18x23	1.30
Royal, 19x24	1.65
Super Royal, 19x27	2.00
Elephant, 23x28	2.85
Imperial, 22x30	2.85

Bristol Boards.

Reynold's.

	Per doz.
Cap, 12½x15¼—2 sheet	$ .50
" " 3 "	.75
" " 4 "	1.00
Demy, 14¾x18¼—2 sheet	.85
" " —3 "	1.25
" " —4 "	1.65
Medium, 16½x20 —2 sheet	1.10
" " —3 "	1.75
" " —4 "	2.25
Royal, 18½x22½—2 sheet	1.50
" " —3 "	2.25
" " —4 "	3.00

Tissue Papers.

American White	Per rm., 2.00
" Asst'd Colors	" 2.50
English White	" 2.50
" Asst'd Colors	" 4.50

Gold and Silver Paper.

Plain, 15 x 19	Per quire, $1.50
Embossed, "	" 2.00

Writing Papers.

First Class.

Letters and Caps, 8, 10, 12, and 14 lbs. to ream.

Per lb., .30 to .35

Legal and Bill Caps, 10, 12, 14, and 16 lbs. to ream. Per lb .31 to .36
Commercial Notes, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 lbs. to ream. Per lb., .32 to .37½
Octavo Notes, 4 and 5 lbs. .35 to .40
Billet " 3 1-2 lbs. .35 to .40

Second Class.

Letters and Caps. Per lb., .27 to .28
Legal and Bill Caps .28 to .30
Commercial Notes .26 to .30
Octavo and Billet Notes .30 to .35

French Note Papers.

			Ream.
Grand Quadrille,	8 kilo.	Com'l	$2.00
"	8 "	Octavo	1.75
"	10 "	Com'l	2.50
"	10 "	Octavo	2.25
Fancy Patterns,	10 "	Com'l	2.75
"	10 "	Octavo	2.50
Onion Skin, ruled			1.75

PARLOR KALEIDOSCOPES.

Per Doz. $33.00

PENCILS.

Lead Pencils.

American Pencil Co.

Per gro.
Black Round Gilt $5.00
Red Hexagon " 6.75

Dixon's American Graphite Pencils.

Per gro.
Round Gilt $4.50
Hexagon " 6.00
Round Gilt, rubber heads 6.50
Hexagon " " 8.00

Eagle Pencil Co.

Per gro., GOLD.
Black Round Gilt $4.25
Hexagon 5.75
Office Round, rubber inserted 5.00
" Hexagon " 6.00

A. W. Faber's.

Per gro., GOLD.
Round Gilt $4.80
Hexagon " 6.60
Tabet R. G. 3.75
" Hex. 5.50
Siberian 10.00

Per doz.
English Drawing, 7 in. wooden box $5.40
" 5 " " 4.50
" 5 " " knife and rubber 8.25

PENS AND PEN HOLDERS.

Steel Pens.

Per gro.
Gillott's, No. 303 $1.00
" " 404 .55
" " 351 .60
" " 170 .75
Washington Medallion 1.00
Spencerian, No. 1 1.00
" " (Qr. gross boxes) 1.10
Esterbrook's Bank, No. 14 .55
" Reservoir " 22 .55
" Falcon " 048 .55
" Extra Fine " 333 .60
" School " 444 .45

Quill Pens.

Doz. bx.
Italian, 25 in a box $2.75
Portable " 3.25
Large " 4.50
Office " 5.75
Congress " 10.50

Pen Holders.

Per gro.
Accommodation, fluted .40 to .50
" swell 1.00
French tip 3.00
Tin holders 2.50 to 10.00
Bone holders, per doz .50 to 2.00
One gross assorted, in box 3.50
One-half gross assorted, in box 1.75

RUBBERS.

Stationers' Rubber, 20, 30, 40, 60, 80 pieces to lb., per lb $ .60
Rubber Heads, for pencils, per gross 2.00
Rubber Bands, ¼ in., per gross .80 and 1.00
Rubber Bands, ½in., per gross 1.60 and 2.00

SCHOLAR'S COMPANIONS.

Per Doz.
Tin, furnished $2.00

SLATES AND SLATE PENCILS.

"D" Slates.

Sizes.	Prices per doz.	Doz. in cs.	Price per cs.
4 x6	$1.30	24	$31.20
5 x 7	1.50	18	27.00
6 x 9	2.10	12	25.20
6 x10	2.20	12	26.40
7 x11	2.40	10	24.00
8 x12	2.90	8	23.20
9 x13	3.50	6	21.00
9½ x14	4.80	5	24.00

CONTENTS OF ASSORTED CASES.

Sizes.	5x7	6x9	6½ x10	7x11	8x12	9x13	Per cs.
No. 1 1½	....	2	2	3	3	0 doz.	$28.00
No. 2 3	....	2	2	2		½ doz.	22.40

Discount 60 and 10 per cent.

Eureka Noiseless Slates.

Sizes.	Prices per doz.	Doz. in cs.	Price per cs.
6x 9	$3.60	12	$43.20
7x11	4.20	10	42.00
8x12	4.50	8	36.00

CONTENTS OF ASSORTED CASES.

Sizes	6x9	7x11	8x12	Doz.	Per cs.
Cases	3½	3	2½	9	$36.45

Discount 50 per cent.

Slate Pencils.

AMERICAN SOAP STONE.

Per 1,000.
4 inch, in boxes, in cases of 10,000 $3.50
5 " " " 4.50
6 " " " 5.00

GERMAN.

6 inch $1.60
7 " 1.85

Steatite.

4 inch $3.50
5 " 4.50
6 " 5.00

Silicate Book Slates.

FOR SLATE PENCIL. Per doz.
Pocket, Interleaved, with Calendar, 3¼x5⅝ in. $1.80
Companion, Interleaved, gilt title " 2.52
Quartz, 2 surfaces, 5x8½ in. 2.16
Silica, Interleaved, 6 surfaces, 5x8½ in. 3.60
Mineral, Interleaved, 6 surfaces, 7x11 in. 7.20

FOR LEAD PENCIL.

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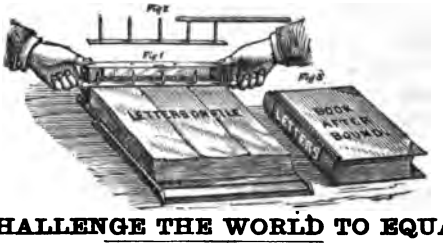

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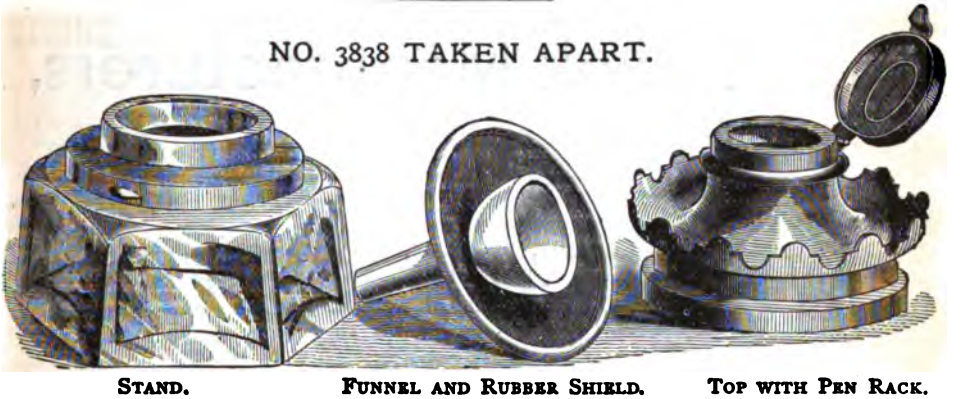

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PUBLISHERS' BOARD OF TRADE,

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Minutes of Special meeting, held April 30 and May 1, 1874, at the Grand Central Hotel,

First Session, 1:30 P. M., April 30.

Vice-President, A. S. BARNES, Esq., in the Chair.

The following houses were represented:

D. APPLETON & CO.; A. S. BARNES & CO.; BREWER & TILESTON; J. H. BUTLER & CO.; CLARK & MAYNARD; COLLINS & BROTHER; COWPERTHWAIT & CO.; R. S. DAVIS & CO.; A. H. ENGLISH & CO.; HARPER & BROTHERS; HENRY HOLT & CO.; IVISON, BLAKEMAN, TAYLOR & CO.; G. R. LOCKWOOD; MASON, BAKER & PRATT; JOHN P. MORTON & CO.; SCRIBNER, ARMSTRONG & CO.; SHELDON & CO.; GEO. SHERWOOD & CO.; TAINTOR BROS.; THOMPSON, BROWN & CO.; UNIVERSITY PUBLISHING CO.; WILSON, HINKLE & CO.; WOOLWORTH, AINSWORTH & CO.

Minutes of preceding meeting approved.

The Arbitration Committee, through its chairman, requested that members would be more expeditious in obtaining evidence in cases under arbitration, and stated that much delay had been attributed to the Committee, which really was due to the slowness of parties in obtaining evidence.

The special Committee on the introduction of Guyot's Geographies and the new American Readers into the schools of Macon, Mo., reported that said introduction "was had in opposition to the By-Laws of the Board of Trade," but that they exonerated the publishers from all wrong intention. The parties at issue requested a postponement of action on the report till the next day.

The Committee on Reorganization read their report which was discussed until adjournment.

Adjourned till 11 A. M., May 1.

Session 11 A. M., May 1.

Vice-President in Chair.

Roll call dispensed with.

The Treasurer presented a report which was referred to the Executive Committee for audit.

Messrs. Andrew Armstrong and J. H. Butler, in behalf of their respective houses, stated that they accepted the verdict of the Committee that their action was irregular (though not intentionally so) in the Macon case; but protested against the infliction of any penalty.

Mr. Sherwood moved the following:

Resolved, That the penalty stipulated in Art. XXII. of By-Laws be enforced against Scribner, Armstrong & Co. and J. H. Butler & Co. for violation of rules of Board as reported by special committee on their case. Carried.

The report of the Committee on Reorganization was then discussed till adjournment.

Mr. Isaac Sheldon offered a set of By-Laws regarding Arbitrations, as substitutes for those presented by the committee. They were referred to the committee, and Messrs. I. Sheldon and Brewer were, by vote, appointed to assist in their consideration.

Session at 2.30 P. M., May 1.

Vice-President in the chair.

Roll call dispensed with.

The committee reported Mr. Sheldon's resolutions for the conduct of arbitrations, and they were incorporated in the By-Laws.

Discussion of the other By-Laws was then resumed.

The question of discounts was thoroughly debated, and it was concluded that while the subject merits early attention, no definite changes were practicable at this meeting.

Mr. Sherwood moved:

Resolved, That this Board employ no travelling agents, and all By-Laws, or portions of By-Laws, inconsistent with this resolution, are hereby repealed. Carried.

Mr. Bragg moved:

Resolved, That each house be authorized to employ one agent or attorney to travel for the firm, and inspect its business, with a view to seeing that the By-Laws are being observed, but said agent shall not be permitted make or work for introduction of books. Carried.

Mr. Soper moved:

Resolved, That each house be permitted to have eight corresponding agencies. *Amended to six and carried.*

Mr. Holt moved:

Resolved, That the old By-Laws for the government of corresponding agencies and branch offices be evived. Carried.

Mr. Sherwood moved:

Resolved, That the Articles of Association and By-Laws, as modified at the present meeting, be now adopted as a whole. Carried.

Mr. Woolworth moved:

Resolved, That the Secretary, with the advice of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, codify the Articles of Association and By-Laws passed and revived at this meeting, and that the signatures of the members thereto be requested. Carried.

Mr. Taintor moved:

Resolved, That whereas the action of the agents in the Macon case was under the direction of their principals, they are not amenable to the penalties prescribed in By-Law XXII.

Resolved, That while the committee report that the houses guilty of the violation in the Macon case did not act with evil intention, they are nevertheless amenable to that portion of By-Law XXII. prescribed "if it shall appear that a violation has been made by the connivance or with the knowledge of the employer." Carried.

Adjourned.

HENRY HOLT, Secretary.

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NOTES IN SEASON.

WE have to note another extension of "Booksellers' Row," as the Astor Place block is now known. Messrs. Macmillan & Co. have moved from Bleecker street to No. 21 Astor Place, where they have a pleasant and convenient store, opening on both streets. This building now contains the Mercantile Library, trade salesrooms of Messrs. George A. Leavitt & Co., and the stores of Hurd & Houghton, Wiley & Son, D. G. Francis, and Macmillan & Co., while in the Bible House, besides the several religious publishing societies, are T. Whittaker, and Warren & Wyman; and in the Cooper Institute, also in the square, Pott, Young & Co. This locality is fast becoming the trade centre up town; in fact it is already more of a centre than any other place in town.

THE new "Bric-a-brac Series" is sure to take. The binding is very beautiful, and Mr. Stoddard has exercised wonderful tact in cramming the very best things in their books of *ana* into the first volume. His plan is to take the salient bits of each book (Chorley, Planche, and Young), and put each in under a separate heading. It is thus especially fitted for desultory summer reading.

CANON KINGSLEY'S new work on "Health and Education" will make a 12mo of 411 pages. His fresh, vigorous style fits him admirably to write on this important subject. That admirable and charming writer, James Hinton, has for the subject of his new volume, "Physiology for Practical Use;" he is eminently capable of making it useful and interesting. This will be a 12mo of over five hundred pages. Both will be ready at Appleton's in about a fortnight.

REV. J. S. C. ABBOTT'S forthcoming biography of "Davy Crockett" promises to be one of the best of the "American Pioneers and Patriots' Series." The southern pioneer was a backwood genius; it was he from whom came the celebrated motto, "Be sure you're right; then go ahead!" Dodd & Mead will publish this, as also the reply to Dr. Hodge, "Fetich and Theology," during the month.

THEODORE TILTON'S novel, "Tempest Tossed," will be ready within a fortnight. It makes a handsome large 12mo of about 500 pages. Those who have read the story in the *Golden Age* speak in the highest terms of its design and beauty, and compare it to the pictures of Victor Hugo. The plot is very peculiar: A family is wrecked on a ship which strands beyond reach of the land. Here a child is born, a girl, who grows up on the ship, which is fully stocked with provisions and means of culture, to be entirely unconventional. Much of the action takes place on the ship, and it is only toward the last that the girl is brought into contact with the world. At the same time, Sheldon & Co. will issue Gen. Buckling's "Across America," which will be very interestingly illustrated. It will have a large route map.

ANOTHER life of Sumner is nearly ready, that by G. and J. D. Chaplin, with introduction by ex-Gov. Chaplin, who has furnished a good part of the material. Mr. Sumner resided with him for some years. It will contain a heliotype portrait, *fac-similes* of letters, and 400 pages of text. D. Lothrop & Co. have it in press.

EDMUND YATES' new novel, "A Dangerous Game," is to be published by Wm. F. Gill & Co. It deals with professional life, especially that of the New York and London stage.

A NEW book by Dr. Dio Lewis is very nearly ready for issue at the Harpers', "Five Minute Chats with Young Ladies and Other People." It consists of good advice on the doctor's favorite subjects, diet, physical regimen, etc., and doubtless will perform its work as a health officer, the more widely because of its author's present pre-eminence in the temperance crusade. Trollope's "Lady Anna" will also be ready shortly; Minister Motley's "John of Barneveld" is deferred for a couple of weeks.

"Passages from the Life of Charles Knight," the distinguished publisher, is at last ready at the Putnams', with whom, we should add, Estes & Lauriat, Boston, join in the publication. The lives of the Chambers and of Constable have formed very interesting reading, and Mr. Knight, as the originator of such popular books as Knight's History of England, etc., has peculiar claims on the public attention.

ROBERTS BROS. will shortly issue "Sea and Shore," a volume of poetical selections for summer tourists uniform with Mrs. Hunt's "Bits of Talk." We understand the editors are Miss Preston, author of "Love in the 19th Century," and Mrs. Goddard, of the *Daily Advertiser*.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF BOOKS JUST PUBLISHED.

The Prices in this List are for cloth lettered, unless otherwise indicated. Imported books are marked with an asterisk; Authors' and Subscription Books, or Books published at net prices, with two asterisks.

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The Progress of the Union.

We learn from the Corresponding Secretary of the Book Trade Union, Mr. Gunn, that endorsements of the action of the convention are still coming in from all parts of the country, from dealers who send their names as members of the organization. We give a few of their expressions of opinion.

Reed & Adriance, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., write:—"Herewith we send you one dollar to add our mite and our name to the American Book-Trade Union, and take the liberty of endorsing the terse and comprehensive letter of Messrs. A. D. F. Randolph & Co. to your convention, trusting that better times are coming for the book trade."

N. S. Harding & Co., Nebraska City, Neb., say:—"We heartily endorse the action of the convention as reported in the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY of February 21st. If the good work so intelligently begun by yourself and a few others is continued with the same vigor and in the same spirit of good feeling, it must soon result in great benefit to all the trade."

Wistar, Wales & Co., Minneapolis, Minn., send word:—"We heartily sympathize in the movement now going on for the better regulation of

bookselling, especially as it relates to discounts. We will write you in relation to the trade in this part of the Northwest."

Bolza & Reynolds, Muskegon, Mich., say:—"We fully approve your proceedings at last convention, and trust you will push the thing to the wall."

D. H. Davis, Coldwater, Mich., writes:—"I am in full sympathy with the general objects of the American Book Trade Union, and hope they may be speedily consummated."

Shumway & Co., Pottsville, Pa., write:—"We have read with much interest your proceedings as published in the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, and can assure you that we will do all in our power to bring about the much needed reformation. We feel perhaps to a greater extent than our brethren out West the demoralizing effects of underselling by publishers and jobbers, located, as we are, so near the great centres of trade. It is to be hoped that publishers will soon see the necessity of protecting retail trade."

W. H. Bulkley, Louisville, Ky., sends word:—"Allow me to say I heartily concur in this movement. It has long been needed."

Eaton, Lyon & Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., say:—"We have read the proceedings of the association with great interest, and heartily approve of the object in view. We hope Mr. Aston will be met in a kindly spirit on his mission East."

M. J. Riegel, Easton, Pa., writes:—"I herewith enclose you most cheerfully the membership fee. I have not time to write an extended letter at this time, but desire to signify my entire approval of the measures inaugurated by this union."

Eyrich & Co., Jackson, Miss., say:—"We have never given a dollar with more pleasure, and stand ready to pay any further reasonable amount, if by so doing we can in a measure, at least, attain the object for which the convention in February last was held."

Among other dealers who have sent their names and fees, and become members of the Book-Trade Union, we mention but a few, as Messrs. Robt. Clarke & Co., Cincinnati, O.; Andrew Selleck, Norwalk, Conn.; J. H. Reed & Bro., Mansfield, O.; T. D. Woodruff, Quincy, Ill.; Crumrine & Nichol, Steubenville, O.; John Baer & Sons, Lancaster, Pa.; Rev. W. J. Shuey, agent United Brethren Publishing House, Dayton, O.; T. O. Stearns, Hamilton, N. Y. These endorsements show conclusively that the movement is representative and national. In the few names we give, ten States, from Connecticut and New York to Minnesota and Nebraska, are represented, and we have the best reason to believe that the sentiments of the letters quoted are shared by the entire retail trade of the country. This is certainly encouraging to the good work, which we trust to see pushed to a successful issue. It will help much if those who have not sent their names to Mr. Gunn, and who intend doing so, do so at once.

OUR readers will find the minutes of the special meeting of the Publishers' Board of Trade, for re-organization, given in full elsewhere. The attendance, it will be noted, was very general, and the outcome of the meeting was in a new constitution and by-laws, which make some changes, the most important modification being, that any house may withdraw on sixty days' notice. The Board has already accomplished so much for the school book trade, that it is to be hoped the new clause will remain a dead letter. Any house which should withdraw would benefit itself but for a short time, and precipitate upon the trade the demoralizing and costly evils of the old system, by which it would eventually be itself a loser. It was expected that a conference with the retailers on the subject of prices and underselling would have been had previous to this meeting, on which action would be taken, but the Book Trade Union unwisely let the opportunity pass, and consequently nothing was done directly bearing upon the one reform which is the most important to the trade.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

Against Bare-Backed Books.

BALTIMORE, April 29, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

WE have for some time past been thinking of asking your attention to the annoyance caused by the omission of titles on the backs of books, and will take this opportunity of doing so.

As you are aware, in connection with our drawing material and stationery business, we keep on hand technical books only, chiefly those relating to architecture, engineering, fine arts, mechanics, and kindred subjects. Many books on those subjects are lettered on the side, in some cases quite elaborately, while their backs are left entirely bare, necessitating their removal from the shelves to ascertain the subject treated of. Many of those bare-backed books, on different branches, so closely resemble each other, that a customer who may take the trouble to remove one to discover its title, will quite likely suppose them to be all alike, and very often a sale is missed in consequence, to the loss of both publisher and bookseller.

Ourselves now and then overlook a book that may be asked for, in consequence of this omission.

Only a few days ago, supposing we were out of it, we ordered some copies of a very slow-selling book, and found afterwards that we had a full supply (two copies) on the shelf.

Publishers as well as booksellers place signs over their doors to ask attention to their business, and placards in their windows to call attention to this, that or the other "very best treatise on the subject," besides spending small fortunes in advertising them. Surely it is quite as important to have the title of any work ranged before the eye of a customer, who in nine cases out of ten is not looking for any particular book, but for books treating of some particular subject. If he sees a blank back he is very likely to overlook it.

To lay all such books *separately* on the counters would require more room than most persons have to spare; if they are stacked up one on the other on the counter, the omission of back lettering is nearly as fatal to its title being seen, except for one or two of the upper books, as but few persons will take the trouble to remove them one by one for examination; besides this, books become much sooner shop-worn in such positions than if they were ranged on the shelves.

Another consideration should be recognized: the inconvenience and lost time to the purchaser in referring to his books. A library without back titles would be more of a nuisance than a work on practical subjects without an index.

Let us look at a few books on our shelves, for examples. Here are three folios of about the same size and thickness:

Cummins and Miller's Architecture.
do. and do. Modern American Architecture.
Riddell's Hand Railing.

Of the following octavos, it is almost impossible to remember one from the other by looking at their backs:

Plates to Warren's Machine Drawing.
Alexander's Dictionary of Weights and Measures:
Ward's Steam for the Million.
Joynson's Machine Gearing.
Diedrich's Theory of Strains.
Henrici's Skeleton Structures.

Of the smaller sized books there are several examples:

Baker's Long Span Bridges.
Cross's Field Book.
Shunk on Railroad Curves, &c., &c., &c.

All booksellers know that many a sale is effected by calling the attention of persons to such books as he believes them to be interested in: A conspicuous title on the back of a book has often the same effect by its silent appeal.

The extra cost of a back-stamp on cloth books must be a mere fraction of the total cost of a book. Even if it were many times greater, it would soon be amply repaid by increased sales. Our experience with Weale's Rudimentary Series is to the point—formerly nearly all those books had side stamps only; latterly, paper labels, with plain clear type, have been pasted on the backs of all, so that they can be arranged on the shelves and their titles examined in that position: we find that their sale has been much increased thereby.

We will no longer trespass on your time and patience except to sign ourselves,

Yours very truly,
WM. MINIFIE & SON.

LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

ATTENTION is called to the corrected advertising page of "Law's Simplified Interest Tables." In the former insertion the figures of interest were not properly placed under the figures of principal.

A NEW book by Mrs. D. G. Croly ("Jennie June"), "For Better or Worse," having the wedded life for its subject, is in press at Lee & Shepard's.

THERE is to be a new book auction house in Boston, conducted by Mr. Salem.

MR. J. H. UNDERWOOD'S new novel is a tale of Kentucky life, a score of years ago. It is called "Lord of Himself." Lee & Shepard have it in press.

A WORK on the "Relation of Patent Laws to Modern Industrial, Social and Intellectual Progress," is promised by Prof. J. A. Whitney, President of the New York Society of Practical Engineering. He introduces it by an essay on the history of inventions from the earliest times to the adoption of patent laws early in the 17th century.

ARTHUR B. FROST is the name of a new artist on wood, whose illustrations in Max Adeler's volume, "Out of the Hurly Burly," give great promise. They are his first efforts in book illustrating, and, as specimens of humorous designs, are among the best of their class which have appeared for some time. The quality of the drawing is a little uneven, but the designs are full of originality and humor.

A. L. LUYSTER has opened a branch establishment at 626 Arch street, Philadelphia, where he will keep a large stock of American and imported second-hand books.

ST. NICHOLAS appears to be a perfect ogre among magazines. Its latest achievement was to swallow up "The Children's Hour," edited and published by T. S. Arthur of Philadelphia.

JESSE HANEY & Co. will shortly issue a revised illustrated edition of the Carver and Gilder's Guide and Picture-Frame Maker's Companion.

Burdon's condensed milk and Liebig's extract of beef are popular, and why should we not have diluted literature treated in like fashion? "Clarissa Harlowe," Mr. Holt's experiment in this direction, will be ready in a week or so. Richardson was one of the three writers who combined to found the English novel, and it is the prolixity of his books which chiefly prevents his attracting readers in these hurry-scurry days. This abridged edition, which will form a 500 page volume in the "Leisure Hour Series," will obviate this difficulty.

FOR fear a false impression should be made by our speaking of "A Fast Life on the Modern Highway" as a bit of *ana*, let us say that it is not a disjointed compilation, but a continuous humorous work, into which many funny stories are worked. It is of the Mark Twain order of literature, but gives in its chapters on the work of each kind of employee on a railroad a great deal of useful information.

J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co., of Philadelphia, will publish immediately "The Story of My Life as a Student and Professor," by Heinrich Steffens, translated from the German by William L. Gage; "Rome as it is," by Mrs. H. R. Scott, with illustrations, 12mo.; "The Universe and the Coming Transits," by Richard A. Proctor, with charts; "Hulda," a novel, after the German of Fanny

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"FOR LOVE AND LIFE" is the title of Mrs. Oliphant's new novel.

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THE Rev. H. R. Waite, who graduated from Hamilton in '68, and is now pastor of an American chapel in Rome, is re-editing his "Carmina Collegensia," decidedly the best collection of college songs we have yet had, which was published by him, when at college, through O. Ditson & Co. In this edition he wishes to include all new college songs, and those of colleges unrepresented before, brief histories of the colleges, college views and college colors.

A BOY asked at a book-store the other day for "You know how it is yourself." With some difficulty it was ascertained that he wanted Charles Reade's "Put Yourself in His Place."

Foreign News.

THE speeches and unpublished political articles of Bulwer Lytton are to be issued shortly.

IT is said that Mr. Charles Reade is at present engaged in the composition of a work of fiction on the subject which has occupied the attention of Mr. Plimsoll—the sending forth of overladen and unseaworthy vessels. Mr. Plimsoll will, we are told, himself furnish the data.

AS A contribution to the literature of the future, there has been published in England the "Annals of the Twenty-ninth Century; or, the Autobiography of the Tenth President of the World-Republic."

BROCKHAUS of Leipzig will shortly publish the first volume of a work he entitles "The Modern Plutarch," to contain biographies, averaging about 80 pages each, of important persons from the Reformation to the present time. The first volume will comprise Luther, by Heinrich Rueckert; Cromwell, by Prof. Rosenkranz, of Königsberg; and Henry IV., by Philipson, of Bonn. Herr Gottschall, the editor of *Unsere Zeit* and the *Blaetter für literarische Unterhaltung*, will also edit "The Modern Plutarch."

ANCIENT bookbinding, says the *Athenæum*, is well represented at the International Exhibition this year. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, the Dean and Chapter of Durham, and Cambridge University contribute examples; and the Duke of Devonshire, the Duke of Buccleuch, the Marquis of Lothian, Lord Spencer, Lord Orford, Mr. Gibson Craig, Mr. Henry Gibbs, Mr. A. Franks, Mr. T. O. Barlow, and Mr. Robert Turner send many volumes, decorated in the taste of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, from the famous libraries of Henri Deux and Diane de Poictiers, Marguerite de Valois, Grolier, Maioli, De Thou, and other celebrated book-collectors. English binding from the time of Henry the Eighth to the days of Queen Anne is also well illustrated. There is besides a fine collection of modern bookbinding, French and English.

AMONG the coming English publications a new form by the author of "Orlig Grange," is announced, entitled "Borland Hall."

MESSRS. BICKERS & SON have in press a new edition of Pepys' and Evelyn's Diaries, and of Ben Jonson's works, the last to be in nine volumes.

"The Cyclopædia of Costume; or, a Dictionary of Dress, Regal, Ecclesiastical, Civil and Military, from the earliest period in England to the reign of George the Third," is the title of a work, by Mr. J. R. Planche, F.S.A., to be published by Messrs. Chatto & Windus, in twenty-four monthly parts, profusely illustrated.

AMONG those interested in the projected international society of men of letters are Victor Hugo, George Sand, Henri Laube, Paul Heyse, Alphonse Karr, Hacklaender and Paul Feval.

IN Otto Schulz's "Address Book of the German Book Trade for 1874" there are altogether 4,369 firms registered; 1,074 of them are publishers, 173 are printsellers, 95 musicsellers, 118 wholesale printsellers, 146 wholesale musicsellers, 86 old book dealers, 2,608 general booksellers and stationers. 1,439 firms from various parts of Germany have branch establishments at Leipzig. There are 214 brokers—of whom Berlin has 34, Leipzig 104, Perth 7, Prague 15, Stuttgart 17, Vienna 32, and Zurich 5. Of the entire number of firms, 3,373 are established in the German Empire, 5 in Luxemburg, 553 in Austria, 485 in other European countries, 74 in America, 2 in Asia, and one in Australia.—*London Stationer.*

A MAGNIFICENT Industrial International Exhibition is to take place at Paris next year. The Industry Palace will be considerably enlarged for this purpose, the entire Cours de la Reine and adjoining avenues being annexed to the building.

A COMMITTEE of the Austrian Booksellers' Union has just presented a report on the subject of the confusion which has arisen in the practice of allowing discounts to retail customers. A convention, to which 269 Austrian firms have subscribed, leaves them free to allow a discount in the case of large orders only by special arrangement, and to carry out existing agreements. It is further agreed that second-hand booksellers, so far as they deal in new books, be required to adhere to the published price; and that no transactions whatever be allowed with booksellers who refuse to conform to this agreement.

THE Austrian authorities have just revised the regulations under which free copies of published works are to be sent to the libraries and other establishments entitled to them. The list is somewhat more extensive than our own. One copy of everything printed for sale is to be sent to the Ministry of State, the Ministry of Police, the Imperial Library, and such other university or public libraries as may be designated by an order from the proper authority. In the case of works, the printing of which is especially costly, power is given to compensate the publisher at a rate to be fixed by special order.—*Printing Times.*

LIBRARY CORNER.

AT a meeting of the shareholders of the New York Society Library, held Tuesday evening, 28th ult., at the Library Building, University Place, the following Trustees were elected for the ensuing year: Frederic De Peyster, Otis D. Swan, William J. Hoppin, William Adams, Charles R. Swords, Evert A. Duyckinck, Henry C. Dorr, Charles E. Strong, Stephen P. Nash, Robert Lenox Kennedy, Edward Schell, Frederick Sheldon, John L. Cadwalader, Henry Drisler, and Richard E. Mount.

ACCORDING to the annual report of the San Francisco Mercantile Library, the number of books taken from the library during 1873 was 88,751, against 88,916 drawn out in 1872, and 84,710 in 1871. The membership remains about the same (2,000) as it was a year ago, but the number of books has increased (36,000–33,000). As to the kind of books or authors most patronized, the librarian gives no statistics.

MR. WINSOR'S report of the operations of the Boston Public Library for the month of March shows a use during that time of 73,484 volumes, of 467,855 volumes during the past year, and of 5,130,389 volumes since the establishment of the library in 1853. As in most libraries, Mrs. Southworth leads in popularity, but 13 per cent. of the volumes of her works owned by the library remaining on the shelves, as compared with 53 per cent. of Dickens', 47 of Cooper's, and 66 of Scott's. The librarian notes there are now in the library 251,896 volumes, which will soon be increased 10,000 volumes by the addition of the Barton Library.

THERE is to be established a library and reading room at the headquarters of the Typographical Union (No. 6), 73 Chatham street, to which all liberally disposed are invited to contribute books and papers—always excepting bound volumes of documentary reports and similar books which no one reads.

THE State Library at Trenton, N. J., contains 131 volumes.

IN connection with the festivities attending the millennial anniversary of Iceland's colonization—the 1st of August next—when the new constitution granted by the King of Denmark, giving the control of the island into the hands of an elective legislature, goes into effect—it is proposed by some of our men of letters, among them Mr. Longfellow and Mr. Curtis, to present the public library of Iceland a small collection of American books. This library is located at Reykjavik, the capital, and at present numbers some 10,000 vols.; it is called the "Stiptisbokasafu." The matter is in charge of the American Geographical Society, and all desiring to share in this enterprise can do so by sending any contributions to the rooms of the Society at Cooper Institute.

A LIBRARY has been founded by the Khedive of Egypt at Cairo, for which he is collecting Arabic manuscripts preserved in mosques and monasteries throughout his dominions. He has already obtained thirty copies of the Koran, one of which is said to be 1150 years old.

Every Saturday makes two practical suggestions as to private libraries, the first, to get rid of the backs in a line of books caused by the upright supports or partitions: "We have seen an ingenious remedy in morocco backs, duly gilded and lettered, riding these partitions, so that to the eye they are books, yet never can be taken down. Another practical difficulty which annoys one is the tendency of books in paper to fray at the edges of the back and then to fall to pieces. A simple preventive will be found in two narrow strips of cloth clasping the upper and lower edge of the back of the book. They need be no wider than a narrow tape, but they will preserve the book much beyond its appointed time for breaking up."

A LONDON literary weekly speaks of "the Superintendent of the American Public Libraries." Here is a new opening for those wanting situations.

OBITUARY.

John Campbell.

MR. JOHN CAMPBELL, a well-known bookseller in Philadelphia, died at his residence in that city on the 29th ult. Mr. Campbell was born in Armagh county, Ireland, in the year 1810. He afterwards went to England, where he took a prominent part in the Chartist movement, and came to this country in 1843, in consequence of a threatened prosecution by the British government. He had previously been engaged in bookselling in London, and on coming to this country engaged in the same business in Philadelphia, in which he remained up to the time of his death. He had an excellent knowledge of books, and was much respected for his many sterling qualities.

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publishers will do more than can be done in any other way for the salvation of the trade.

Mr. Aston represents, as its President, the American Book Trade Union, which now includes 400 houses, all over the country. But this is not his main claim to attention. We believe that he truly represents nine-tenths of the entire trade. We believe that the principles he advocates are important to each member of the trade in direct proportion to the amount he has at stake in it. The largest houses must ultimately suffer most by the destruction of the retail trade, and the retail trade is being destroyed by the present system. We believe that no one in the trade can afford to let the present opportunity for reform go by; so that we hope and trust that when Mr. Aston makes his report to the meeting at Put-in Bay in July, he may be able to report a unanimity of East and West, of publishers and booksellers, in the endeavor to save the book trade before it is too late.

Mr. Steiger's "Attempt."

SINCE the issue of the last number of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, giving under the heading of "American Bibliography," a detailed account of Mr. Steiger's "Attempt at a Catalogue," we have received a separate pamphlet copy of the same 16 specimen pages, with an additional "Notice," further explanatory of Mr. Steiger's bibliographical aims and intents, hopes and disappointments, expressed as follows:

The list of publishers represented in the present little Catalogue is small: from less than 50 houses did I obtain the desired particulars. While this fact, and the similar discouraging listlessness by which Mr. Leypoldt, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Truebner, and others, have been confronted and checked in their bibliographical labors, show that the day has not yet arrived for a proper appreciation, by American publishers, of Catalogues compiled in their interest, it is to be hoped that this indifference will shortly change; that the many valuable *original* American publications whose existence has hitherto remained unknown, except through the columns of *newspapers*, will hereafter be enumerated in General and Special *Catalogues*, and that increased demand at home, together with sales abroad, will thus be produced.

The book-trade of England, France, and other European countries, but notably that of Germany, has a great advantage over the book-trade of the United States, through the systems prevailing there, of promptly cataloguing all publications as soon as they appear. Publishers in these countries are saved the enormous sums which American publishers are, for the most part uselessly, spending (or wasting rather) on advertisements in political newspapers; while, on the other hand, publishers abroad are taking good care to have their publications promptly recorded in the established Book-Trade Journals, the weekly Bibliographical Lists, the various Systematic and General Catalogues, etc. This record causes little or no expense at all, to themselves, and yet *insures the most effectual* and *permanent publicity*—saving much time alike to booksellers and book-buyers, and enabling the former to maintain their claims as the ready dispensers of the brain-work of others.

The indefatigable and unterrified worker in the barren field of American bibliography sends us at the same time proof-sheets of his "Descriptive Catalogue of Scientific, Theological, and other special Periodicals of the United States, with index of subject-matters in English, German and French," compiled from his larger work, for the purpose of circulation in Europe. He also sends us some specimen pages of one of the most interesting of his numerous special catalogues, the "Bibliotheca Glottica," in which we notice a very full representation of the Anglo-Saxon department. We hope Mr. Steiger will keep on sending.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

The Jules Verne Controversy.

WE are requested to publish the following letter, originally addressed to the New York *Tribune*, as of interest to the trade:

To the Editor of the Tribune.

SIR: We are so unwilling to rest for a single day under the imputation of having treated any fellow-publisher with unfairness or discourtesy that we must beg the favor of an immediate correction of the following paragraph which we find in the *Tribune* of this morning:

"There seems to be a war between New York and Philadelphia houses over Victor Hugo's 'Ninety-Three,' the result of which is the reduction of the price of a dollar book to 25 cents. On the heels of this comes the prospect of a little contest between the new house of Henry L. Shepard & Co., of Boston, and the Scribners. Shepard & Co. complain that they were the first to announce Jules Verne's new book, and that the Scribners violated the courtesies of the trade by announcing it after them, and have refused to take any notice of their letter of remonstrance."

The book in question, "Meridiana; or, the Adventures of Three Englishmen and Three Russians in South Africa," we announced as in press through the regular and authorized channels, at intervals from October, 1872, to January, 1873. We followed up our announcement first by purchasing and placing in this market a quantity of the English edition, and then by buying the plates of the entire work, letterpress and illustrations. These have now been in our possession four or five months. Our edition, which the unwarrantable action of Messrs. Shepard & Co. has compelled us to place on the market sooner than we had in-

tended, is issued under a direct arrangement with the French and English publishers of Jules Verne's works. In bringing out the book, therefore, we have adhered most strictly, and in every particular, to the usages of the trade, for the work was ours by priority of announcement and by right of purchase. The charge of breach of courtesy does not hold against us, as these facts show, in the least particular. A brief statement of the connection of Messrs. Shepard & Co. with the book will make it clear to the public that a much more serious charge might be preferred against them. In the first place, they gave the book an entirely new title, and one which did not identify it either with the French original or the English translation. No announcement, wherever made, under this deceptive title would have given them any right to the work as against our regular announcement. The fact is, however, that they did not once announce the book while it was in preparation, even under the title they took the liberty of giving it, through any of the channels recognized by the trade; nor did they announce it at all until a few days prior to its publication. Further still, we beg you to note these facts: Of Messrs. Shepard & Co.'s edition 57 pages is a translation made by them, under the protection of which they have copyrighted the book and its title. The remaining 133 pages are taken bodily from our edition. The 20 illustrations they give were transferred and engraved in this country, while the 48 illustrations in our edition are printed from electrotypes taken from the wood blocks engraved in Paris. We do not state these facts to demonstrate the superiority of our edition, but simply to place the part the Messrs. Shepard & Co. have taken in this transaction in its true light before the public.

The allegation that we paid no attention to their remonstrance against the issue of our edition we meet by this statement. Our suspicions that their book might be an interference with "Meridiana" were first excited by a paragraph in a Boston letter published in the *Tribune* of last Saturday, May 23. Immediately upon reading that paragraph we telegraphed Messrs. Shepard & Co., inquiring whether this book was based upon "Meridiana" in text or illustration, and asking an answer. Messrs. Shepard & Co. preferred to send their reply by mail, acknowledging that the "last pages" of their book were taken "from an English edition." Meanwhile we had procured a copy of the book in time to permit us to announce our edition in the Boston papers of Monday, the 25th. Messrs. Shepard & Co.'s letter remonstrating against this announcement was received on Tuesday, the 26th; our reply was mailed on the 27th, (Wednesday), and was unquestionably in their hands on Thursday. Although they publish their letter to us (with the omission of an important paragraph) in the Boston papers of Thursday, they have not yet retracted the charge reproduced in the *Tribune* of this date, that we had paid no attention to their "remonstrance."

These facts speak for themselves. We are quite content to let the public pass upon the conduct of Messrs. Shepard & Co. We have effectually protected our rights in the premises, as we shall always be prepared to do under similar circumstances; and we have the satisfaction of knowing that the trade, who thoroughly understand the merits of the controversy, unanimously endorse our course. We are respectfully your obedient servants,

SCRIBNER, ARMSTRONG & CO.

New York, Saturday, May 30. 1874.

WE are requested by Messrs. Henry L. Shepard & Co. to reprint the following letter addressed by them to the editor of the Boston *Globe*:

SIR: We have read with surprise a letter in your issue of to-day from Messrs. Scribner, Armstrong & Co., publishers, of New Nork, in which they state that we committed the breach of courtesy which we had laid at their door! When our first letter to the New York house was made public they had not replied to it, although time had been allowed them to do so, and we did not then know that they even claimed ever to have announced "The Adventures of Three Russians and Three Englishmen." When this letter came to hand, we examined the records, and *found that they had never announced it.* On the 17th of January, 1873, indeed, appeared this word in Messrs. Scribner's announcement, viz.: "Meridiana," "only this and nothing more." Now, we aver that no translator could, by any possible stretch of the idiom, make "Meridiana" out of "*Aventures de Trois Russes et de Trois Anglais dans L'Afrique Australe*," which is the full French title of the contested book. Had we seen the announcement (and we had not), we ask any fair-minded critic how could we have known that "*Aventures de Trois Russes*," etc., translated, meant "Meridiana?"

As Messrs. Scribner themselves say in their letter, "No announcement under this deceptive title would have given them any right to the work." Then again, it is a well-established dictum with publishers that the announcement of a book does not hold forever, and that a book, the publication of which has been delayed, should be reannounced once in six months. This has been the usage. Messrs. Scribner had not announced "Meridiana" at the time of its publication for seventeen months! Must publishers be compelled to search ancient archives to fortify their already unsettled position?

We did think when we first saw Messrs. S., A. & Co.'s announcement of a cheaper edition of our "Adventures in the Land of the Behemoth," under the title of "Meridiana," that they were treating us discourteously, but upon looking into the matter we have become convinced that they have only been slip-shod in one business transaction and hasty in another. Had they properly and continuously announced the book, no misunderstanding could have arisen; had they written us before attacking us in print the affair might have been settled. As it is now, believing ourselves right, we shall punish any invasion of our rights, and were we to congratulate ourselves in closing our letter as Messrs. S., A. & Co. have done, we should end by denying their statement that their course is endorsed by the trade, for those of the trade who have heard both sides are unanimously of the opinion of one who is perhaps the best known and most eminent publisher of the country, who has said distinctly to us, "*You are in the right.*"

For the rest, does not the title page of the running edition of "Adventures in the Land of the Behemoth" bear the inscription "*Tenth Thousand!*"

Yours, respectfully,

HENRY L. SHEPARD & CO.,
Successors to Shepard & Gill.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

We find in the *Tribune* of this morning a letter from Messrs. Henry L. Shepard & Co. The points there raised are so fully covered by a letter which we addressed them under date of June 1, that we

take the liberty of asking you to insert it in your columns. We take this course believing that the controversy has reached a point where the public cares little about it, while the trade may have some interest in the matter.

NEW YORK, Monday, June 1, 1874.

Messrs. H. L. SHEPARD & Co.:

GENTLEMEN: We have yours of Saturday, and can only say in reply, that we give you too much credit for intelligence to believe that you do not know perfectly well that *Meridiana* was the proper title by which to announce the book in controversy. That was the name by which it was known in the English and American markets, and that was the name by which you knew it before you had completed your edition. If there were any doubt on this point the ground was entirely covered by the fact, that in previous announcements we had given the full title of the work,* as you can see by looking at your files of the *Commercial*. In *time* and *form*, both, our announcement was acknowledged as sufficient a short time ago by Messrs. ———, who wished to publish the book, and what would hold the book against them we should judge was good enough to hold it against you.

Besides, if our title was "manufactured" (which it was *not*, since it was the title given the book by the English publishers), what can you say for yours, *which was not connected either with the French or English edition, and which was never announced while the book was in preparation, in any of the authorized channels?* The point which you try to make against us knocks the ground entirely from under your own feet, and is a full concession of all that we have claimed against you.

However, before carrying this discussion further, we beg leave to ask whether it is a fact that you have in preparation an edition of our *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*. We do not ask for information, we can get that elsewhere. We simply ask because we wish to know the fact *from you*, and to satisfy ourselves whether it is worth while to attempt to arrive at any understanding regarding *Meridiana*. We shall expect a reply to this inquiry by return mail.

We enclose a communication to the *Tribune* this morning, to which we beg your attention.

Yours respectfully,

SCRIBNER, ARMSTRONG & Co.

Our suggestion looking toward an arrangement of the controversy was met by the statement from Messrs. Shepard & Co., that they had in press our *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*. This action on their part, of course, relieves us from any further discussion of the matter.

Yours respectfully,

SCRIBNER, ARMSTRONG & Co.

New York, June 4.

* We find that an announcement of the *full title* of the book as in press was made under the name of Scribner, Welford & Armstrong. We state the fact for the sake of accuracy, and to give Messrs. Shepard & Co. the advantage of every technical point. S. A. & Co.

BOOK AUCTIONS.

COLLECTION of miscellaneous books, June 8th, 9th and 10th, at 4 o'clock;—same, June 11th, at 4 o'clock.—BANGS, MERWIN & Co., New York.

OBITUARY.

The June number of the *Banker's Magazine* contains, in a postscript, the following sad announcement: "In New York, on Saturday, May 23d, aged sixty-six years, Isaac Smith Homans, founder, and editor for twenty-eight years, of the *Banker's Magazine*. This number completes the twenty-eighth volume of the *Banker's Magazine*, and ends the editorial labors of its founder, I. Smith Homans, who died at his residence, in New York city, Saturday night, May 23d. A severe nervous prostration had for several weeks compelled Mr. Homans to desist from active editorial work, but the acute illness which has thus resulted was of only a week's duration. A fuller notice of Mr. Homans' life will appear in our July number."

We learn that Mr. Homans only a few weeks since celebrated the anniversary of his golden wedding. Mr. Homans was well known in the trade and highly esteemed by those who came in contact with him during his active business career. The PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY is under special obligations to him for his frequently-exhibited interest in its welfare.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

ERIE, PA.—Sell & Backus, booksellers and stationers, have been succeeded by Wm. J. Sell, Mr. Backus retiring.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—J. H. V. Smith, former proprietor of the City Book Store, has been succeeded by Yohn & Porter. Mr. Yohn has been with Mr. Smith for the past five years, and Mr. Porter has spent the same time in the business with Bowen, Stewart & Co. Publishers and stationers are requested to address to the new firm three copies of their catalogues or book-lists.

NEW YORK CITY.—Mason, Baker & Pratt have been succeeded by Baker, Pratt & Co., who will continue the wholesale book and stationery business, at Nos. 142 and 144 Grand street, where the business of the late firm will be settled. Mr. Albert Mason having purchased the stereotype plates of the late firm of Mason, Baker & Pratt, will continue the publishing business at No. 129 Grand street.

NEW YORK CITY.—Carl Heuser, publisher and importer of music, has removed to 861 Broadway.

PETERSBURG, VA.—John M. West, stationer and printseller, has been succeeded by Nash & Rogers.

RUTLAND, VT.—H. C. & E. C. Tuttle, of the firm of Tuttle & Co., Rutland, Vt., have purchased a two-thirds interest in Mr. H. O. Brown's patents for making slate pencils, and have commenced manufacturing in that city under the title of The Vermont Slate Pencil Company. These pencils are named the "Patent Compressed Soapstone Pencil," and are made by reducing the stone to powder, and compressing it. They are said to be much superior to the common pencil.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

THE DOCTRINE OF EVOLUTION, by Alexander Winchell. (Harper & Brothers.) A dispassionate review of the various theories which may be adduced in favor of or against the doctrine of evolution. The essay was originally given in the form of two lectures before the Drew Theological Seminary, and embraces the data, principles, speculations and theistic bearings of the doctrine of evolution. 12mo, cloth, $1.00.

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THE new story by Prof. Jas. De Mille, "The Babes in the Wood," is commenced in the *Fireside Companion* for June 1, which now adds his name to its list of popular authors, previously including Wilkie Collins, "Oliver Optic," and other noted names.

ANOTHER curious mistake of authorship has just come to light, in the case of a continental *litterateur* of considerable fame. Carl Detlef, a name that has gained an enviable reputation in literary circles, through the medium of several excellent works of fiction, generally supposed to be the production of a masculine mind, is now known to be the *nom de plume* of a very talented young lady of Prussian descent—Miss Clara Baur. Miss Baur is the daughter of a gentleman occupying a high position in the civil government of her country, and moves in that high and fashionable society of which she has written so many pleasant sketches. "Valentine, the Countess," her latest production, has just been issued by Porter & Coates. In Germany, its publication created a marked sensation.

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A STORY from Bret Harte will appear in the July *St. Nicholas*. It is about "Baby Sylvester," but the baby is only a baby bear. The story is said to be very charming, and it is to be illustrated by Sheppard and Jas. C. Beard.

THERE is a class of superfine people, says the Boston *Transcript*, who cannot believe that an American-made book can by any possibility be equal to an English one. There is a style, they say, about the latter which, somehow, American printers fail to catch. We commend to such, a consideration of the fact that no less a person than Dr. James Martineau, of London, proposing to bring out his "Hymn of Praise and Prayer," first sent over to a friend in America to see if it could not be manufactured at the Riverside Press, so much pleased was he with a similar book, "The Sacrifice of Praise," there printed and bound. "I was ambitious," he says, "of placing my book in the same hands, if it were possible without considerable addition to the outlay .... I am obliged to relinquish the hope I had entertained, and to be content with doing the best I can at home."

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The "Stationery Price Current" having been crowded out by the "Jules Verne Controversy" will appear in the next issue.

THERE has seldom been a time when the trade in stationery and fancy goods has been so dull as at present All the dealers complain, for with the exception of a small trade in certain specifics—and even this is confined to the demand for immediate consumption–these is nothing doing. Even in standard articles, such as school stationery, there is no trade; but this can be accounted for to a certain extent by the near approach of the holidays, which necessarily causes a desire to control expenses, and prevents any outlay in this direction. The trade in such articles, however, is usually much better at this time of the year than at present, and the dealers and manufacturers complain that there is not enough doing to warrant them continuing business. The manufacturers of writing papers have, to a certain extent, conformed to the general stagnation, and it is reported that most of the mills are running upon two-thirds time. It is the general opinion that orders will soon begin to flow in, but none are so confident as to keep their mills up to their full capacity in expectation of such a contingency. Owing to the general stagnation, the trade has proposed but few new goods, and really nothing that could be classed as novelties. The present dulness extends in every direction, and the localities, both East and West, which have always drawn their supplies from New York, are now purchasing only such goods as answer the immediate demand. The large houses that sent out their travellers a while ago, have since withdrawn them, because they have found that their sales were insufficient to meet the necessary expenses. When all these circumstances are considered, it is difficult to make even a suggestion relative either to the cause or the possible remedy. The cause, however, is undoubtedly the general stagnation of all trades, brought about by a want of confidence in future financial legislation, and the best remedy, beyond a doubt, is to have Congress define the position and the volume of our currency without delay. When his is done prospects will brighten, and it is hoped that the new Secretary will take measures to bring about such a result.

In the fancy goods trade, business is as dull as with stationery. But fancy goods are matters of luxury, and are therefore necessarily compelled to bear the brunt of hard times.

The first few months of the panic, however, affected the trade only slightly, and even during its continuance more goods were sold than were anticipated. It is true it was during the holiday season, and people had not as yet fully realized the extent of their losses, and therefore entered upon expenditures which they have since avoided. Now no fancy goods are wanted, and even the customary sales for wedding and birthday presents are missed. The trade is therefore feeling the full effect of the panic, but having had time to prepare for such a contingency, the suffering is not great. Most of the importers anticipated such a contingency, and therefore they invested but a small amount of capital in new goods. They have preferred to keep their shelves filled with articles left over from last fall, and to purchase only such goods as would meet with immediate sale. The samples for the fall importation usually arrive about this time and even earlier, but the arrivals thus far have been meagre indeed. The only new goods noticed upon the market are French clocks in marble, alabaster and gilt. They are very beautiful and command good prices, but the sales so far have not justified the importation. The only goods selling at all are leather goods and tourists' articles. These comprise travelling bags, lunch boxes, satchels, flasks, drinking cups, and a variety of other articles which encumber some travellers, but prove a great convenience to others.

It is impossible to indicate the prevailing styles for the coming season, for the few samples that have arrived express nothing. Leather and other standard materials will probably continue, for with the present dubious prospect the manufacturers of London, Paris or Vienna will scarcely risk investing their money in new designs. For the summer season trade will continue dull, but it is possible that the approach of cold weather will bring brighter prospects.

A. J. BICKNELL & CO., N. Y., have issued a new edition of the "New York Builders' Form of Contract." Revised by W. T. Hallett, Arch. 4 pages. Price 10 cents.

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AT Harper & Brother's, a third volume of sermons by the Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, is in an advanced state for publication next week. It bears the title of "Old Wells Dug Out," and is of his characteristic style of pulpit oratory. At the same time will be ready Miss Braddon's new sensational novel, "Taken at the Flood," which proved so popular in the eight English journals for which it was written, and "Barnaby Rudge," in the new popular illustrated edition.

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HISTORIES OF BOOKSELLERS. The following is one of those admirable notes which make the Boston Public Library Catalogues so valuable for reference. It is inserted under the title of Curwen's much-attacked "History of Booksellers." (in Bull. No. 29, April 1874).

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The Present Emergency.

DURING the present week Mr. Aston has consulted with the majority of our leading publishers in the interests of trade reform, and, we are glad to say, has been very cordially welcomed and frankly treated by all of them. Without exception, he has found them fully aware of the evils of the trade, and for the most part of the dangers these threaten. They express themselves unanimously in favor of reform, and agree that the means which he has put before them are essentially those by which the reform must be had. Here they stop. Everybody is anxious for reform, and perfectly willing that somebody else should start it. The smaller houses are desirous to enter into the agreement proposed, but naturally hold back for the leadership of the largest two or three houses; while these latter simply decline "to commit themselves."

The state of the case is therefore plainly this: The burden of the reform falls upon the two or three large houses which are acknowledged as, and must accept the responsibility of, the leaders of the American book trade. We have often said that each house in the trade is directly interested in this reform in proportion to the amount of business it does. But there is beyond this a moral responsibility of leadership which the greater houses should not shirk. It is they who must come to the front. With their aid everything can be done: without it, nothing can be

done. They owe it to themselves, to their associates, and to their dealers, to come forward in the present serious emergency. It is a very simple thing which is asked of each house in the trade. It is not proposed that any house, even the largest, shall be asked to stand alone and allow its rivals the advantages of seemingly greater discounts. Each is asked to enter into the agreement jointly, not only with the majority, but with the bulk of the trade, and it is understood that no agreement shall hold good until it is generally endorsed.

One difficulty which has made itself evident in the present case, is the underselling in the retail stores of publishing firms. The association of wholesale and retail business seems to us entirely legitimate. It seems to be in accord with the modern tendency of trade. There is no reason why a publisher should not be a bookseller as well, *provided* he does not commingle the two so as to make each hurtful to the other. But when a house uses its retail store to undersell itself as a publisher, it virtually breaks faith as a publisher with the retailers to whom it has wholesaled books on a basis of publishers' prices. There are few trades which have a finer *personel* or include men of a higher moral standard than the book trade. Yet in no other has custom so vitiat he standard of right and wrong, and led to so low a view of trade morality. Under any other circumstances it would be thought wrong for a house to make a standard price on the basis of which it should sell to those who are to sell again, and then to turn around and cut off all the latters' hope of profit, by selling those very books of its own at a price which bears no relation to the one fixed. While, therefore, it is not to be expected that the publishers will give up their retail stores, or that the retail trade should be arbitrarily limited in any other way, this one thing should be done, that the publishers should hold to their own prices in their own stores, and insist on the same being done by their dealers by all proper means under their control. This last can be done profitably under the organization of the trade which is now making such progress throughout the country, by declining to sell to those who are doing their best to break down the trade in general by making prices at which book stores cannot be conducted.

We put it to the larger houses then that they are the ones upon whom success or failure in the present depends, and we ask them to consider what the failure of this endeavor means. It means the abandonment within a few years of the entire system under which the retail book trade is now conducted. It is impossible for live retail stores to be kept up much longer under the present state of things. The conditions of the book trade are in many respects so different from those of other trades, that the bookseller cannot live unless the publisher assures him a reasonable profit on the goods he keeps in stock. With the destruction of the retail trade, each publisher must become his own distributor, and, however profitable that may seem to be under the present partial system, it will be another matter when it comes to be wholly depended upon for the circulation of a book. The natural progress of the country in literary education and in book-buying will be seriously retarded, and thus a social as well as a trade wrong be committed, for which the responsibility will practically, as we said before, rest upon the two or three leading houses of the book trade.

In the name of the trade, therefore, and we may almost say in the name of the country, we beg these leading houses to accept their responsibility, and by lending their aid at once, insure the success of this most important measure.

THE two controversies over the Verne books cause a sigh, first and foremost, for international copyright, the only thorough preventive of such disputes, and, as a present measure, a system of trade arbitration. The courtesy of the trade is a very vague code of laws or of morals at the most, and there is no authority whatever that has jurisdiction on disputed points. In most cases arbitration would settle the matter without "war," and it would at least have the benefit of informing the public definitely of the rights and wrongs of a dispute on which they have now variously mixed notions, and have thus much wholesome moral influence. We see no reason why such a board should not be organized in the general trade, as well as the educational, or why the system should not be privately introduced.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

SIR: We notice a *resume* of the correspondence in regard to the Jules Verne contest in your issue of last week.

As in it Messrs. Scribner, Armstrong & Co. do nearly all the talking and have the last word, we trust you will allow us to briefly reply to their last letter.

In it they avoid the direct issue, and we only wish to emphasize the following extract from our letter, which was as the meat in the sandwich in the *resume* before alluded to:

EXTRACT:

"Then again, it is a well-established rule with publishers that the announcement of a book does

not hold forever, and that a book the publication of which has been delayed, should be reannounced once in six months. This has been the usage. Messrs Scribner had not announced 'Meridiana' at the time of its publication for seventeen months! Must publishers be compelled to search ancient archives to fortify their already unsettled position?"

Yours, respectfully,
HENRY L. SHEPARD & CO.

BOSTON, June 9, 1874.

The American Book-Trade Union.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

As an individual I have always opposed "Trade Unions," strikes, &c., but being anxious to survive as a book-dealer, I was forced into action, believing that there was *vitality* enough left somewhere in the United States which, if unified and then electrified, would eventually permeate the almost defunct body and raise it to a new life.

The object of our Union is neither to strike nor be struck, but simply to join hands, hearts and interests with all who handle books and to correct the abuses now sapping the life-blood of the trade. "To be, or not to be, is the question." "Shall we die forgotten and unwept, or may we not rather fight and run away, with a prospect of living to fight another day?" Agitation is the method, reform the watchword. The publisher cannot ignore the bookseller, nor can he exist (as a bookseller) unless books are made. So our interests are one and inseparable. We recognize the bookseller who rents his store, pays his clerks and his taxes, as the channel through which the publishers *should* reach the public.

The publisher cannot expect to supply his books to the trade at the trade price, and at the same time endeavor to reach the public (who pay none of the bookseller's taxes) at the *same rates* he supplies the dealer. If they reach the public direct, they turn retailers and pay their own expenses, which is legitimate. If the bookseller distributes the books, then it costs the book-maker nothing. Whole editions of books have been sold to the trade from advance sheets, and could now be done, if the trade had the protection of former years by the publisher. On the other hand, it would take from six to twelve months to send that edition by mail, and many editions of books would die before the people could be reached. This method is too slow. Who wants to read a morning paper in the evening? The President dies at midnight, the world knows it at breakfast. An edition of books dies in the shell and the world are not advised at breakfast, but the publisher and author only know it; *they suffer*. Had these books reached the people through the trade the community would have suffered. In this fast age the people must *be reached speedily*. The laws of trade cannot be ignored without some one paying the penalty. If Stewart or Claflin sold by the yard at their piece price they could not retain the dealer. No more can book-makers retain the trade if they retail at wholesale rates. Why are foreign books flooding the market? because the American publishers do not protect the dealers, but want to sell to the trade and to the people also, whom the *trade should supply*. A union of the retailers and jobbers would never have been formed if they had been protected. American publishers are inviting foreign competition by cutting the old trade. The trade are to die, or be resuscitated; time must determine. If the publishers would be content to make books and give the trade protection as in the olden time, there would be a larger trade in books this fall and winter than for years past, for the trade want books, *but will not buy to compete with publishers.*

The only book-dealer in existence now who has any *protection* is the vender of subscription books, and what is most humiliating is that some of the most profitable books are sold by these agents.

CUMMINS.

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LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

WHEN everybody says you're on the other side, observes the *Evening Mail*, you may take credit at least for impartiality. Certain Protestants declare Appleton's Cyclopædia Roman Catholic, while another complaint is against its scientific atheism. In fact the whole difficulty comes from the Appletons' determination to have all subjects treated by those who know most about them, which would seem to be a good plan.

A SWEDISH history of the United States has just been issued by Messrs. Ernander & Bollman of Chicago. Our increasing Swedish population has long felt the need of a concisely written history of America in their own language, and this work of Mr. Joh. A. Ernander will doubtless be well received. As a means of enlightening those who have not yet left their homes, and who desire to know of the features and workings of our government, it will be especially useful.

FRANK LESLIE has bought the sheets of the new story which Farjeon has nearly completed, for publication in one of his periodicals.

"ASSES' EARS" is to be the title of Mr. Edgar Fawcett's new volume. The query is made whether the reference is to public, critic, or author?

REV. Robert T. S. Lowell's new book, "Antony Brade," a story of boy school-day life, will not be ready before mid-summer.

THE July *Harper's Monthly* will be one of the finest ever issued. Among its hundred illustrations, those by Dr. Parsons to Rev. John W. Chadwick's entertaining paper on "Marblehead" are exceptionally beautiful. A paper by James Parton, on "Falsehoods of the Press," will attract general attention.

THE announcement of a book of Children's Songs by Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge, is at present premature. Such a book is, however, among the possibilities.

MR. George Cary Eggleston's little volume, "How to Educate Yourself," is one of the most popular volumes of the Putnam's Handy Volume series. We are glad to learn that another little book from his pen, on the somewhat important subject of "How to make Money," is forthcoming for the fall. Mr. Eggleston is one of the most pratical and wholesome, as well as charming of writers, as his editorial work on *Hearth and Home* abundantly proves. His connection with that journal is now severed by reason of its absorption by the *Graphic* Company, but the pubiic will hope to see his pen at work speedily in new quarters.

THE *National Sunday-School Teacher* says that "the Sunday-school book matter demands another reform besides that which relates to trashy literature. Sunday-school books are not published "upon honor," as to price—a shameful fact that about everybody is aware of. Nearly everyone knows that in buying a library for a Sabbath-school, he would pay more than is expected of him if he should pay the full catalogue price. Almost every buyer demands and readily gets a discount of twenty to twenty-five per cent. The prices at which the books are put up are fictitious; they are not worth them, and any body is cheated who pays them. This puts the retailers in a false position, and makes the Sunday-schools feel that in any event they are imposed upon. Now let us have a reform in this matter. Let us have square dealing on the part of the publishers—an honest price and no sham binding, and a new conscientiousness will perhaps be found to pervade the contents of the book as well." We trust that the new arrangements between publishers of juvenile books as to discounts will be found effective ultimately in this very direction.

REV. WM. M. BAKER, the author of "Inside," "The New Timothy," and now of "Mose Evans," is at present pastor of a Presbyterian church at South Boston. He was born at Washington, in 1825, and graduated at Princeton; it was during his pastorate in Texas, 1850-65, all of which time he was a stanch Union man, that he obtained his remarkable knowledge of the Southern character. He is, however, of Southern descent as well as birth.

Foreign News.

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN, the celebrated Danish author, in a conversation with a correspondent of the *Cologne Gazette*, thus speaks of the pecuniary return for his labors: "Only the original editions of my books have brought me anything. For what little property I possess, I have to thank my poor little Danish nation exclusively. The foreign publishers have praised me, translated and printed my works. They have brought them out far more beautifully than the Danish publishers. But not one of them has sent me even a penny in recognition. (Anerkennungspfennig.) The Americans are commonly called covetous, selfish, and I know not what, and yet the only compensation which I have ever received from a foreigner has come to me from an American publisher. I have never either seen or known the man, and he sent me a short time ago of his own accord 800 Danish rix-dollars."

E. MOXON, SON & CO. have just published in a handsome 8vo of 700 pages, uniform with "Haydn's Dates," "Haydn's Dictionary of Popular Medicine and Hygiene;" comprising all possible self-aids in accidents and disease, being a companion for the traveller, emigrant, and clergyman, as well as for the heads of all families and institutions; edited by Edwin Lankester, M. D., F. R. S., &c., assisted by distinguished members of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons.

AMONG the motions to be made at the great convention of the German Book-trade Union (*Borsenverein*) is an appropriation of 1,000 thalers for the publication of a number of pamphlets devoted to the interests of the book trade.

ACCORDING to the statistical report of the American Consul, Leipsic's American exportation of books during the first three months of 1874, music and prints, amounted to 119,212 thalers. That of last year, during the same months, amounted to 117,217 thalers.

J. ROTHSCHILD, Paris, has in press two splendidly illustrated works—A complete History of the Silkworm, etc., with thirty-seven plates, in photography, price 40 francs; and a History of Lace, with fifty photographs, in folio, and numerous vignettes, price 100 francs.

DIDOT FRERES, Paris, have just issued "The French Grammarians, 1520-1874," by J. Tell, price 3 francs 50 c.

"PARIS A TOUS LES DIABLES," is the title of a new work by Pierre Veron, in press by Levy Freres.

MR. MURRAY has in preparation, with an original map and illustrations, "The Last Journals of Dr. Livingstone," including his researches and wanderings in Eastern Africa, from 1865 to within a few days of his death, edited by his son, Mr. T. Steele Livingstone. The volume comprises all the journals sent over by Dr. Livingstone in charge of Mr. Stanley; also the journals that have been transmitted since, as well as the papers received by the Foreign Office.—*Athenæum.*

THE well-known traveller, Dr. A. Bastian, is about to publish a work with maps and illustrations, giving the results of the German expedition to the coasts of Loango.

M. CHAMPFLEURY will shortly publish "L'Histoire de la Caricature sous la Republique, l'Empire, et la Restauration."

MICHEL LEVY FRERES have just published Prosper Merimée's "Portraits Contemporains."

PROF. WHITNEY'S "Language, and the Study of Language" has been translated into German by Dr. Jul. Jolly.

THE finished manuscripts left by Mr. John Stuart Mill, dealing with "Theism" and "Nature," are now passing through the press, and will, it is expected, be shortly issued by Messrs. Longman. The same house will also issue translations of Comte's works, translated by Mr. Frederic Harrison and other English disciples.

CHAPMAN & HALL have issued a valuable pamphlet entitled "The Westward Current of Emigration in the United States," by William J. Palmer. The same publication comprises also a paper on "The Colonies of Colorado in their Relations to English Enterprise and Settlement," by William A. Bell, M. A., author of "New Tracks in North America."

TRUBNER & CO. have in press "Tea, Coffee, and Cocoa," a practical treatise on the examination of tea, coffee, and cocoa, by J. A. Wanklyn, M. R. C. S.

A COMPREHENSIVE "Dictionary of Musical Terms," edited by Dr. Stainer and Mr. W. A. Barrett, Mus. Bac. of St. Paul's Cathedral, will shortly be published by Messrs. Novello, Ewer & Co.

PROF. DOWDEN is about to prepare for publication the series of lectures on Shakespeare which he is at present delivering in Trinity College, Dublin.

Dr. WILLIAM WAGNER, of Hamburg, announces a vindication of Shakespeare against Roderick Benedix; a translation of "Othello" into Hebrew has just been published at Vienna; and the eleventh annual volume of the German Shakespeare Society is just ready.

PROF. VON RANKE is engaged in re-editing his "History of the Popes," with reference to the relations between Pio Nono and the German empire.

A LIFE of David Friedrich Strauss, by Prof. Zeller, his friend from early youth to his death, is announced as nearly ready.

ACCORDING to the *Journal General de l'Imprimerie et de la Librairie*, the production of the press in France last year was 11,530 books, 3,403 musical compositions, 2,156 engravings, photographs, lithographs, and maps.

THE *Gentleman's Magazine* announces "Eros Athanatos," a very fine poem of 180 lines (of the "White Rose and Red Series,") by Robert Buchanan, as the first of a set of twelve important works by this poet, to appear in consecutive numbers of the *Magazine.*

THE journal of Jacob Wainwright, giving an account of Livingstone's death, and the long journey home with his remains, will appear about the same time Livingstone's own narrative is published. The latter is to be issued under supervision of the family.

A COMPLETE concordance to Pope's poems is promised.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—On the 1st of May, Metcalf & Dixon, a new firm, opened a book, stationery and fancy goods store, at 124 Jackson st. Mr. Dixon has been in the book and stationery trade in this city for eight years, having been connected with the house of D. D. Merrell & Co.

NEW YORK CITY.—P. O'Shea has removed his bookstore and publishing establishment to the elegant and spacious building, No. 37 Barclay st., and 42 Park Place. The store, extending through the entire building and fronting on both streets, has a depth of 160 feet. The upper floors of the building will contain the bookbindery and sheet-rooms.

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